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# St. Paul Monthly Messenger

## April 2015

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

## *A Message from Pastor Bruner*

*The April Messenger  
is sponsored in memory of  
Mike Petzold by his family.*

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We are accustomed to sharing these words with joy and zest on Easter morning.

Sadly, the Easter celebration is quickly challenged, dare I say nearly erased, by the harshness of life.

The world is falling apart all around us. Conversations and comments regularly acknowledge this disturbing observation. The media also keeps us up to date on the latest turmoil and conflict.

The youth of our world do not know anything different, but the older we are the more drastic the contrast. Instead of rejoicing over life, we mourn for the years when safety was the norm.

The simple and real reason for the chaos is that there is sin in the world. We are seeing the consequences of sin, as humans go their own way further and deeper into selfishness.

If we want the world to change for the better, then we have to go on the offensive. Not that we can bring perfection and peace back, but we can share Who has the ability to bring peace to human hearts.

*"Then [Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem'" (Luke 24:45-47).*

Easter is our most important and powerful message. We have the message of forgiveness and restoration for those who admit their sin. Our lives **are** shattered and broken, but Jesus brings healing grace. We can have peace that our sinful mistakes and failings have been reconciled. Why? Jesus suffered, died and rose again

for us and all people. He is the Messiah, our Deliverer, who paid the debt we owed but could not pay.

There are millions of people who do not know or believe this. That is why the world is crumbling around us. Jesus started with His early disciples and now He wants to use you and me. We are to go on the offensive and share the good news of the Gospel. Begin in our own homes and then to others. Scatter the seeds of God's Word and let God cause it to grow.

We are ineffective, because we are so easily turned against each other by the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh. We will be effective when we model the power of the Gospel in our lives. We can show how we rely upon God to forgive our daily sins. Then each day, we can freely give as we have received. Sin leads to the death we see all around us. Jesus has come to bring life and that life is an abundant life now and forever. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

Pastor James Bruner

*"This is love: not that we loved God but that He loved us and gave His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11*

# 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.

**The Story** – led by Elaine Bickel and Paul Schoenknecht in the Projects Room.

### **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., April 14th at 7:30PM in the Library.

### **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Sat., April 4th

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!

## **April Scripture Readings**

### **April 5th**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

*1 Cor. 15:1-11*

*Mark 16:1-8*

### **April 12th**

*Acts 4:32-35*

*1 John 1:1-2:2*

*John 20:19-31*

### **April 19th**

*Acts 3:11-21*

*1 John 3:1-7*

*Luke 24:36-49*

### **April 26th**

*Acts 4:1-12*

*1 John 3:16-24*

*John 10:11-18*



## **8th Grade Confirmation Sun., May 3rd in the 11AM service**

### **Jr. Youth**

Sunday, April 12th & 26th  
from 4-6PM

### **Musical Opportunities**



**Church Band**  
Mondays at 2:45PM

**Handbells**  
Mondays at 7PM

**Church Choir**  
Wednesdays at 6PM

**Praise Team**  
Thursdays at 6:15PM

### **April Meetings**



#### **Social Concerns**

Wed., April 1st at 6:30PM

#### **Council**

Wed., April 1st at 7:30PM

#### **Evangelism**

Tues., April 7th at 6PM at Elaine Bickel's home

#### **Voters' Assembly Meeting**

Sun., April 12th at 1:30PM

#### **Trustees**

Sun., April 12th following Voters'

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Monday, April 13th & 27th at 7PM

#### **Board of Education**

Tues., April 14th at 6:30PM

#### **Dorcas Meeting**

Tues., April 14th at 6:30PM

#### **Elders**

Wed., April 22nd at 7:30PM

# Calendar of Events

## 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 needed! We can always use material, thread, sheets, blankets, jeans, and volunteers. Please bring to the church office or the Parish Hall. If questions, please call Lori 989-205-9873.

## Painting Classes

Tuesdays at 6PM in the Projects Room. Classes are \$10.00. If questions, please call the school office.



## NEW! PIYO Pilates Workout

Tuesdays from 6-6:45PM in the Parish Hall. Bring a mat. All are welcome! If questions, call Heidi Woolwine 989-529-9232.

## 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., April 12th at 1:30PM  
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Essential Oils 101

Thurs., April 16th 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.

## 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 April 17th.** 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.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline  
Friday, April 17th

## Scrapbooking

Sat., April 18th 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](mailto:school.office@spsmill.org). **SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

## Craft Workshop

Sat., April 18th 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.

## Art/Music Fair

Tues., April 21st from 5-7PM

## Music Festival

Fri., April 24th at Faith, Bay City  
Many St. Paul students will share their musical talents.

## Secret Angel Luncheon

Sun., April 26th at 12PM in the Parish Hall  
Confirmation Rehearsal Following

## Living the Parable Dinner Dance

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM in the Parish Hall. Join us for a romantic dinner, dessert, and dancing to the awesome, "Leo Feith Band!" FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE with pizza provided for the children! Price: \$40.00 per couple. Tickets are available in the Church Office starting Monday, March 9th. Advanced tickets only. Please make payments by check ONLY to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Childcare form (available in church office) and money due by Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, contact Karen Bruner 871-2407.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Dorcas LWIM 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bus Trip** Wed., June 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a fun filled day! Everyone is invited. The bus leaves St. Paul at 9AM and returns by 5PM. One low price of \$55.00 includes: round trip deluxe motor coach, admission to the USS Edson Navel Ship and Museum, narrated 2 hour river cruise on the Islander, soft drink or water on boat, lunch at the Atrium in Bay City – deli buffet, soup, salad, dessert & beverage, time to shop at the Nut Factory Outlet, Antique Shops, Speciality Shops and more. Make reservations by calling Connie Keinath 871-4125 or Eileen Ziegler 871-2329.

# Memorials / Serve & Volunteer / Miscellaneous

## Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

### Easter Breakfast

Easter will be here before we know it and help is needed for the **Easter Breakfast**. Items needed: eggs, orange juice, milk, doughnuts, fresh fruit, and monetary donations. Youth & Adult Help is needed – money earned will go to the youth for future events. Please call Jan McKee 989-475-2091, Connie Daenzer 871-5788 or the church office to help or donate.

### Screen Techs

We are looking for more people to run the **screen for church services**. We will train you and you can choose which service you would like. Please call the church office if interested and we will put you into rotating schedule.

### Tellers

Volunteers are needed to be part of our **Teller Team**. You would be placed on a team and scheduled once a month to count the church offerings. If this is something you would like to be a part of, or if you have questions, please call Larna Peterson at 871-2223. Thank you!

### Church Floor Waxing

The floors inside the church, the narthex, and the church halls will be stripped and waxed April 6-9. Please let the custodians know if there are any conflicts with this project. Thank you!

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Marion Reif General Fund	\$20.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR Pastor Bruner's Ministry General Fund	\$200.00
IN MEMORY OF Robert Hebner General Fund	\$695.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
St. Paul School	\$15.00
St. Paul Sunday School	\$70.00
St. Paul Handbells	\$100.00
To Be Designated by Memorial Committee	\$25.00
IN MEMORY OF Leo O'Hearn St. Paul Sunday School	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Richard Rohde General Fund	\$10.00
IN MEMORY OF Floyd Shaffer Building Fund	\$20.00
IN HONOR OF Lorine Petzold Building Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Jerry Hanlin St. Paul Student Aid	\$25.00
IN MEMORY OF Donna Estes General Fund	\$860.00
Building Fund	\$265.00
Stephens Ministry	\$20.00
Church Service Tape Ministry	\$10.00



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The 5th grade class assembled "Smile Jars" to be used by our Stephen Ministers and Christian Care Committee. The jars contain Bible verses, True-isms, and corny jokes on small slips of paper. The recipient of the jar is able to daily take a slip to hopefully brighten their day.



# Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary April 2015 <u>LSB</u> : pp. 299-304			<u>1</u> 9:00 am Bible Study Ex 10:21 -- 11:10 Heb 4:1-16 Ps 89:20-27	<u>2</u> <b>Maunder</b> <b>Thursday</b> Ex 12:1-28 Heb 5:1-14 Ps 37:1-7	<u>3</u> <b>Good Friday</b> Ex 12:29-32; 13:1-16 Heb 6:1-20 Ps 135:1-4, 8-9	<u>4</u> Holy Saturday Ex 13:17 -- 14:9 Heb 7:1-22 Ps 37:1-7
<u>5</u> <b>Easter</b> Ex 14:10-31 Heb 7:23 -- 8:13 Ps 96:1-3, 6, 11-13	<u>6</u> Ex 15:1-18 Heb 9:1-28 Ps 13	<u>7</u> Ex 15:19 -- 16:12 Heb 10:1-18 Ps 81:1-7	<u>8</u> (Easter Break) Ex 16:13-35 Heb 10:19-39 Ps 134	<u>9</u> Ex 17:1-16 Heb 11:1-29 Ps 114	<u>10</u> Ex 18:5-27 Heb 12:1-24 Ps 145:1-9	<u>11</u> Ex 19:1-25 Heb 13:1-21 Ps 30:3-12
<u>12</u> Easter 2 Ex 20:1-24 Lk 4:1-15 Ps 119:9-16	<u>13</u> Ex 22:20 -- 23:13 Lk 4:16-30 Ps 146	<u>14</u> Ex 23:14-33 Lk 4:31-44 Ps 26:1-3, 8-12	<u>15</u> 9:00 am Bible Study Ex 24:1-18 Lk 5:1-16 Ps 99:1-5	<u>16</u> Ex 25:1-22 Lk 5:17-39 Ps 119:25-32	<u>17</u> Ex 31:1-18 Lk 6:1-19 Ps 92:1-9	<u>18</u> Ex 32:1-14 Lk 6:20-38 Ps 106:16-23
<u>19</u> Easter 3 Ex. 32:15-35 Lk 6:39-49 Ps 119:49-56	<u>20</u> Ex 33:1-23 Lk 7:1-17 Ps 80:1-7	<u>21</u> Ex 34:1-28 Lk 7:18-35 Ps 86:11-17	<u>22</u> 9:00 am Bible Study Ex 34:29 -- 35:21 Lk 7:36-50 Ps 84:1-4	<u>23</u> Ex 38:21 -- 39:8, 22-23, 27-31 Lk 8:1-21 Ps 119:145-152	<u>24</u> Ex 39:32 -- 40:16 Lk 8:22-39 Ps 107:23-32	<u>25</u> Ex 40:17-38 Lk 8:40-56 Ps 41:1-3, 11-13
<u>26</u> Easter 4 Lv 8:1-13; 30-36 Lk 9:1-17 Ps 45:4-8a	<u>27</u> Lv 9:1-24 Lk 9:18-36 Ps 119:129-138	<u>28</u> Lv 10:1-20 Lk 9:37-62 Ps 25:1-10	<u>29</u> 9:00 am Bible Study Lv 16:1-24 Lk 10:1-22 Ps 19:7-14	<u>30</u> Lv 17:1-16 Lk 10:23-42 Ps 17:7-15		

From: A Year in the New Testament, Scott Kinnaman ed. cph. -- Hebrews 10:1-18 -- Tuesday after Easter

The Church Year is more than just fifty-two Sundays. It is the time during which we speak the Word of God to one another; it is God's action in and through that Word; it is God telling us His will, His forgiveness, His power, and His life. Every Divine Service is a call to specific action and a power to carry it out.

We still have our selfish nature that restrains us from loving God and our neighbors as we should. This results in a guilty conscience that induces us to run from God. And if we come into His presence with other folks, we think we must wear a mask to cover our real selves. Such phroniness only adds to our guilt.

Because of Christ we do not need a mask; we can come before our heavenly Father just as we are. Jesus made the once-for-all-time sacrifice for your sins. He died as the guilty you, the guilty me. He felt the harsh sting of God's justice, which is hell, when He was forsaken by His Father. Then the perfect One went into the holy presence, and there, as our sacrifice, He took our part forever.

God, in Christ, is our Savior who has sprinkled our hearts clean from an evil conscience. He has fully atoned for our sins. We can boldly come to Him in worship, in confession and prayer, without any false front. In full assurance of faith, He forgives us and helps in every need.

To strengthen our confession of the sure hope we have in Christ we have this promise, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more" (Heb 10:17). God does not let go. He does not give up on us. He stays with us in our weaknesses and failures. We have His Word and the pledges of His sacraments for this.

Our power for bold, steady confession comes from our faithful Lord, since He loves us with a love that will not let us go.

There is no longer a sacrifice for sin. To say no to the perfect sacrifice means that we must bear our sins and their judgment. Therefore, to talk about another Church Year of God's grace in Christ, we are talking about the most crucial thing in our lives. May God help us to respond to His wonderful grace always with faith and a new life.

# Miscellaneous

## Raise Funds Just for Shopping

We started using **Shoparoo to raise funds for our school**. All you need to do is download their app on your smartphone and take pictures of your receipts. To become one of our users please use the code "jeft2898" when registering for the school to earn extra points. If you do not have a smart phone, bring your receipts to the school office and we will take the pictures of them for you. Thank you.

## Altar Flowers

The **2015 Flower Chart** is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for altar flowers, please write your name, phone number, and center or side vases. Thank you!

## Messenger Sponsors

**A Messenger sponsor** is needed for December. The cost is \$125.00 per month to cover the postage. Please call the church office if interested.

## Hospitalizations

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like to receive a visit and/or be placed on the prayer list, please notify the church office as soon as you can. The hospitals do not always notify us due to HIPA/privacy laws.

## Quiet Bags

**Quiet Bags** are available for children to use during the church services. Please return them to the hangers on the cross after the service. Each bag has a coloring page for children to take home – please return all other items to the bags to be used again. We can always use more religious books. If you have some to share, please put them in the box in the Care and Share cabinet in the narthex or give to Lori Osborn. Thank you.

## Reminder to All Boards:

Remember to check your board mailbox in the Council Room weekly. This is a way for our parishioners, staff, and other board members to communicate with you. There may also be invoices for you to sign before bills can be paid.

Another friendly reminder: The deadline to submit articles or advertise for an event in the bulletin is Thursday by 10AM. The Messenger deadline is the 15th of every month. Items can be brought to the church office or emailed to church.office@spsmill.org.



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## Area News

**Living Passion Drama** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-9PM in the park next to St. Michael's School, Richville. Walk the path of Jesus Christ on a 15 minute guided tour on a paved walkway. See and hear live action scenes portraying our Lord's last hours.

**Girls of Grace Dance Ministry** from St. Lorenz presents "Thy Kingdom Come" at the Temple Theatre in Saginaw on Sat., & Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered at 989-754-7469.

**Hospice Support Volunteer Training** for providing support to patients with a terminal illness and their family. Training dates: Mon. & Wed., April 13, 15, 20, & 22 from 1-4PM at the Genesys Administrative Services Building. For additional information or to sign up, please call Loraine at 810-695-7796.

**"I wish we could just sit down and talk!"** Have you ever said that to your spouse? A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you to do just that. A Weekend is scheduled in Battle Creek on April 17-19 and a tentative Weekend is planned for the Saginaw area in October. For additional information and brochures contact Larry & Liz Grupe 586-566-1525 or go to [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org).

**Michigan District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention** Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Maxfield's Restaurant, Blanchard, MI. Elaine Bickel is the guest speaker. To register or if questions, email [john.raffel@gmail.com](mailto:john.raffel@gmail.com).

**Annual Children's Fun Fair** Sat., Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-2PM at Highland Pines School, Caro. Free lunch, children's books, activities, prizes!

**Camp Lu Lay Lea** is a non-profit, Christian camp entering its 67th summer of operations. Camp LLL is open to all boys and girls, ages 8-14 and allows you to strengthen your faith while also having the best week ever. For more information, go to [camplulaylea.com](http://camplulaylea.com), find us on Facebook, or email Matt Deneen at [mwdeneen@gmail.com](mailto:mwdeneen@gmail.com)!

## Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbela Township, bestowed a positive influence on his family to pursue their dreams by committing to and reinforcing the importance of a college education. While Don did not pursue this himself, he and his wife, Barbara, raised their children to believe that with a college education they would be able to do whatever they wanted to do in life.

Through the positive reinforcement received and the financial support of Don and Barbara, all four of their children, who attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, pursued and received their college degrees. Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family, for future St. Paul graduates who pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary. Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the Church Office and need to be returned by May 1<sup>st</sup>.



# April Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Jeffrey Kennard	4/1	Trevor Smith	4/8	Tamera Smith	4/18	William Badgley	4/28
Colleen Loomis	4/1	Angela Ayotte	4/9	David Balcom	4/19	Bethany Erdman	4/28
Hailey McPherson	4/1	Hunter Dennis	4/9	Bridgett Greenan	4/19	Madison ILL	4/28
Sean O'Connor	4/1	Dylan Herrick	4/9	Virginia Reinert	4/19	Richard Latham	4/28
David Reinert	4/1	Bradley Lich	4/9	Brittany Sayyae	4/19	John Petzold	4/28
Karl Titsworth	4/1	Clinton Schwab	4/9	Cameron Bierlein	4/20	Bradley Bonadurer	4/29
Amelia Wagner	4/1	Jenna Albrecht	4/10	Philip Erlenbeck	4/20	Jon Fritz	4/29
Keagan Butterfield	4/2	Dakota Bouck	4/10	Mary Michael	4/20	Lori Holtsberry	4/29
Kierrah Butterfield	4/2	Rebekah Jones	4/10	Martin Powell	4/20	James Koch	4/29
Bonnie Draper	4/2	Brody Norman	4/10	Leonard Ross	4/20	Edwyn Maschke	4/29
Margie Scannell	4/2	Kathy Rasmussen	4/10	Nicole Stiff	4/20	Nicholas Yorke	4/29
Erin Schwab	4/2	Cadence Ratza	4/10	Katrina Wager	4/20	Diana Allard	4/30
Mollie Torres	4/2	Rudy Stock	4/10	Howard Wells	4/20	Reese Ehrhardt	4/30
Robert Wager	4/2	Dakota Davies	4/11	Angela Burton	4/21	Terence Frixen	4/30
Angel Gorsuch	4/3	Jonathan Matzke	4/11	Hillary Esterline	4/21	Mason Ley	4/30
Brendan Johnson	4/3	Avery Mays	4/11	Bryan Horning	4/21	Hudson Ruppel	4/30
Jack Reinert	4/3	Shirley Petzold	4/11	Kourtnei Petzold	4/21	Cali Stadler-Anderson	4/30
Rebecca Schuler	4/3	Jilanna Shufelt	4/11	Crystal Schmitt	4/21		
Ann Sergent	4/3	Brandon Skank	4/11	Ian Stiff	4/21		
Donna Ames	4/4	Anika Sykes	4/11	Sasha Arnett	4/22		
Pamela Engelhart	4/4	Lucas White	4/11	Bryan Bonadurer	4/22		
Seth Mittler	4/4	Marla Coggins	4/12	Patrick Duve	4/22		
Janet Reinert	4/4	Valerie Dennis	4/12	Matthew Greenan	4/22		
Ethan Hoard	4/5	Robert Figgins	4/12	Timothy Jolly	4/22		
Steven Holmes Jr.	4/5	Sheila Haynes	4/12	Shelley Shollack	4/22		
Mark Husted	4/5	Nathan Meier	4/12	James Weber	4/22		
Ryan Keinath	4/5	John Osborn	4/12	Nancy Bastian	4/23		
Kelsi McAlister	4/5	Tyler Sutton	4/12	James Bruner	4/23		
David Rogers	4/5	Eric Hoard	4/13	Brookelyn Finatri	4/23		
Laura Schwab	4/5	Kathryn Sheppard	4/13	Alyssa Frahm	4/23		
Crystal Snyder	4/5	Arthur Weber	4/14	MaKella Opperman	4/23		
Zachary Wolfer	4/5	Zachery White	4/14	Ruth Ann Petzold	4/23		
Joshua Wooldridge	4/5	Tiffany Erickson	4/15	Michelle Rohraff	4/23		
Carlee Allard	4/6	Jay Mitchell	4/15	Cameron Wilson	4/23		
James Dues	4/6	Melanie Reinert	4/15	Nathan Bierlein	4/24		
Anthony Marks	4/6	Tamara Schultz	4/15	Bette Chambal	4/24		
Jacob Myers	4/6	Faith Stratton	4/15	Noah Reinbold	4/24		
Earl Sergent	4/6	Shellie Watchpocket	4/15	Bernice Schiefer	4/24		
Beth Todd	4/6	Donald Coleman	4/16	Joshua Torrey	4/24		
Lisa Bentley	4/7	Leah Denome	4/16	April Yatsevich	4/24		
Bradley Isetts	4/7	Rachel DuRussel	4/16	Claire Erlenbeck	4/25		
Sharon Jensen	4/7	Ryan Goodhue	4/16	Debbie Galant	4/25		
Kayli Leix	4/7	Sidney Werner	4/16	Nicholas Pennington	4/25		
Taylor Rueger	4/7	Ellia Licavoli	4/17	Morgaine Anderson	4/26		
Luella Saeger	4/7	Kolten O'Neil	4/17	Zachary Cunningham	4/26		
Haley Wood	4/7	Carol Saeger	4/17	Delores Damm	4/26		
David Ackerman	4/8	Sarah Thayer	4/17	Michelle Dice	4/26		
Leah Dale	4/8	Gavin Blue	4/18	Amanda Hergenreder	4/26		
Christina Detgen	4/8	Hunter Figgins	4/18	Owen Reing	4/26		
Matthew Johnston	4/8	Sawyer Keinath	4/18	Brian Rondo	4/27		
Mark Merriam	4/8	Duane Maas	4/18	Joshua Roth	4/27		

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

# Financial Report / Special Thanks

## Monthly Financial Report for Congregation General Church Account for Month Ending 2/28/15

Carryover Deficit as of <b>1/31/15</b>		(\$160,419.59)
<b>February</b> General Fund Income	\$87,844.79	
<b>February</b> Living the Parable #2	\$13,300.00	
<b>February</b> General Fund Expenses	<u>(\$104,926.36)</u>	
+ / - for Month of <b>February</b>	(\$3,781.57)	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		<u>(\$164,201.16)</u>
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2014/2015 through <b>2/28/15</b>		(\$90,518.34)
<b>February</b> Monthly Givings:		
Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)	\$14,301.54	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$ 1,306.35	
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$ 810.95	
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$ 231.70	

## CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

Building Mortgage Principal Balance as of **2/28/15**: \$1,182,370.10

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

Monthly Mortgage payment to CEF:	\$14,135.00
Less Building Givings Month to Date:	\$ 8,008.50
Balance Needed for Monthly Payment:	\$ 6,126.50

Monthly Surplus to CEF Building Account: \$ 0.00

CEF Building Fund Account Balance as of **2/28/15**: \$32,928.99

(Note: Building Mortgage payment of \$14,135.00 is deducted from the account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month)



## *Special Thanks!!*

**Another trip to the post office to mail boxes to the troops in Afghanistan.** For a Lutheran Schools Week servant project, classrooms collected items for the troops. The unit received our boxes and because of your generosity they shared it with the Chaplin and she distributed to the other units there also. They said, "We are soooooo thankful and love St. Paul." If you know of anyone else in the service we could send a box to, call the school office so we can share this wonderful gift of God's love.

Dear Friends and Family of St. Paul,  
**Thank you** so much for supporting my third mission trip to Eek, Alaska this year. You have no idea how much it means to me. A special thanks to the Dorcas ladies for supporting me through the quilts they donated for the families there. The people all look forward to these beautiful gifts of hope and love. I could never do the things I do without you and your support. I am so blessed to have you all in my life, and I thank God for you.

Yours truly,  
Bethany Daenzer

**Thank you** to Kirby Co. in Millington for donating vacuums to St. Paul and for continuing to supply the vacuum bags. Your kindness is appreciated.

**Thank you** for all the prayers, cards and calls for me and my family at the passing of our loved one, Bob Hebner. A special thank you to Pastor Bruner for his visits and special words.

We would like to **thank** everyone for the prayers and well wishes at the loss of our mother, Donna Weber Estes. All are appreciated.

-The Family of Donna Weber Estes

**Thank you** to the family and friends of Edna Keinath and Janette Keinath in memory of her mother, Vera Vogts, for the gift of an additional timpani drum to complement our current set for use in our worship services. Praise be to God that we may glorify His name with such magnificent instruments.



# What St. Paul Means to Me

*This is the first of a series of articles/statements from fellow members of our congregation to help us think about what God has done for us here at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millington, Michigan. Look for these in both the school newsletter, and the church newsletter.*

## **What St. Paul Lutheran Church Means to Me**

I have been a lifelong member of St. Paul. I attended grade school here, and except for a number of years at college and away working, I have attended services here for 60 years. St. Paul is my home with God and the members are my brothers and sisters. In Romans, Paul tells us that faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. My faith has been fed through the Word that I hear in services at St. Paul. It also has fed my family by providing God's Word at critical times in our life. When my family was young, St. Paul seemed to have just the right Bible studies between services that my wife and I needed to hear to help us raise our sons and strengthen our marriage. The witness of staff to us and our children impacted our family life and our life with God. To this day, the in-home Bible Study started by a St. Paul pastor, has strengthened our faith as we studied God's Word with fellow Christians in an informal setting. I have seen firsthand how these studies have comforted and strengthened believers from our church. Challenges by our pastors to read the Bible in a year convinced my wife and me to do just that, and it has caused us to continue reading almost daily from our Bible in study of God's Word.

The reading of God's Word has caused me to look deeper into the Lutheran doctrine by studying the Lutheran Confessions and the life of Luther. What a rich Scriptural heritage we have. I thank God for those willing to put their lives on the line to stand for God's Word and not the words of men. While other churches put their emphasis in what humans can do to gain God's favor and thus earn salvation, our church gives all credit to God and what He has done for us. We call it Divine Service, which is not us serving God, but God coming to us and serving us through the suffering and death of His Son, Jesus, to provide us the only way to salvation. Our Lutheran doctrine, taken from Scripture, makes it clear that it is all God's work, serving us just as He has since the beginning of time when God came to Abraham, to Moses in the burning bush, to the children of Israel in the pillar of fire, to the prophets, to Mary and Joseph, to us in the birth of Jesus (Immanuel-God with us), to the apostles (Pentecost), and still He serves us today. He comes to us to provide us with a church and school where His Word is taught and preached in truth to feed us and strengthen us in faith.

Our response to what God has done for us is to serve others. I thank God that we have those opportunities at St. Paul. Some serve through the many volunteer activities that are available; such as helping at a fish fry, harvest dinner, or soup supper, or ushering, being part of the altar guild, bookkeepers, tellers, or greeters. Members can serve by being part of a board or committee, teaching Sunday School, leading and hosting in-home Bible studies, visiting the sick and hospitalized, helping at funeral dinners, becoming a Stephen's Minister, or even mowing the grass and keeping the flowers beautiful. Our church gives us these opportunities to serve others as well as strengthening us through Word and Sacrament. All we have to do is what Jesus said, "Come, follow Me."

Thank you, St. Paul Lutheran, for what you have done for me and my family. I pray that everyone can see the blessings that God gives us through our church and brings us to greater involvement to serve and hear God's Word in order to grow in faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Steve Kern

*Happy  
Easter!*

HE IS  
Risen

# What St. Paul Means to Me

## I Thank God for St Paul

God's word says "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." Hebrews 2:1.

Because I had never read the Bible or became familiar with scripture I had little understanding of God's word. I was definitely drifting when I started attending worship services here at St Paul. Since that day I feel I have truly been blessed by everything and everyone at St Paul.

The preaching of the Gospel, adult instruction classes, the teaching of God's word in Bible studies (in the church and at small group studies), the invitations to serve on various boards and as an usher, Stephen Ministry, and also to lead Bible studies, have been an amazing walk for me over the past 17 years or so. The result of this has caused my spiritual life to absolutely soar. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31. I feel totally at home at St Paul and when I leave the campus my thoughts turn to when I will return next.

This brings me to think of Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." He knew when He brought me to St Paul, all that would happen!! Little did I know all that would happen the day I came here . . . all I do know is I am so thankful for what He has done for me and continues to do for me through all of you and His church here at St Paul. Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - - not by works so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

I know that all of what has happened to me here has come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I also know that it has all come through God's people here at St Paul and for that I am so grateful to my God! There has been no drifting the past 17 years.

This certainly is not about me, but about what an amazing God we have, that He would take time out of His busy day and listen to me when I pray and when I say, thank You, Jesus! His plans for me have been a blessing and what a blessing St Paul has been to me.

Our hope lives not because we are not sinners, but because we are sinners for whom Christ died; our trust is not that we are holy, but that being unholy, He is our righteousness. Our faith rests not upon what we are, or shall be, or feel, or know, but in what Christ is, in what He has done, and in what He is now doing for us.

I thank God for St Paul.  
-Ed White

**Give me your worries.  
I'll be up all night anyway.  
-God**

*He will never let me stumble, slip or fall.  
For He is always watching, never sleeping.  
Psalm 121:3-4*



# April Schedule



## Acolytes

2	7PM	M. Thurs	Timmy David
3	1:30PM	Good Fri.	
3	7PM	Tenebrae	Corey Daenzer
5	6:30AM	Easter	Asher Petzold & Jeremy (+ Crucifer)
5	8:30AM	Easter	Dustin & Sydney Bishop (+ Crucifer)
5	11AM	Easter	Danielle DeOrnellas (+ Crucifer)
11	7:30PM		Ethan Hoard & Evan
12	8:30AM		Keagan Butterfield
12	11AM		Katelyn Kaschner & Gary
18	7:30PM		Conner MacKay
19	8:30AM		Kirsten Skousen
19	11AM		Josh Blue & Timmy David
25	7:30PM		Zac Yorke & Jeff
26	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
26	11AM		Jenna Smith

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

### 11:00AM

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

### 7:30PM

Captain	Jeffrey Yorke
	Chad Fackler
	Marc Keinath

## Church Sextons

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

## Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Amy Yorke  
 8:30AM - Sonja Russell  
 11AM - Julie Rude

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**April**  
**2015**

*Alleluia*  
He is  
  
*Risen*

*2015 Holy Week Services*



*Maundy Thursday* – April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7PM - Worship with Communion

*Good Friday* – April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1:30PM – Worship  
7PM Tenebrae



*Easter Celebrations* – April 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30AM – Sunrise  
8:30 & 11AM – Worship with Communion

*Easter Breakfast* 7:30-10AM  
Free Will Donation



# St. Paul Lutheran School

April 2015

As our month begins, we continue our Lenten journey to the cross. We see new life being renewed as warmer weather comes and plants begin to show their new growth. We also grow with the celebration of the risen Lord!

Dear Lord, help us to show the joy and blessings we receive each day through Your Son, Jesus Christ!  
Amen.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for the month of April:

- Apr. 3-12 No School - Easter vacation
- Apr. 5 Easter Sunday He is RISEN INDEED!
- Apr. 13 Classes resumes
- Apr. 17 Theme Shirt Day
- Apr. 21 Art ~ Music Fair/ Chrysler Drive Fundraiser
- Apr. 24 Music Festival at Faith , Bay City



## School Musical Opportunities



Apr. 19  
Apr. 26

Junior Bells  
Music Festival Group

8:30 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.

## Spartan Sports

Our basketball seasons for boys and girls on the C-teams and A-teams has come to an end. Thank you to all of the fans that followed the girls and boys to Ann Arbor for the Lutheran Schools State Tournament games as well as everyone that went to Valparaiso, IN for the National Tournament with the girls. Your support and encouragement was greatly appreciated! Thank you to all of the fans, parents and coaches for a learning and growing season.

Now we start our Spring Sports schedules.

### TRACK:

April 25 Lutheran School Meet at Lapeer West High School TBA

GIRL'S SOCCER: April 18 TBA

BOY'S VOLLEYBALL: April 18 TBA

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, Lays and Campbell soup labels, ink cartridges, SCRIP, Meijer and Kroger programs as well as gift cards for Central Shop-Rite, Meijer and Marathon gas stations. See the school office for more information.

He is risen...He is risen INDEED!



# April 2015

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 9AM Bible Study 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council	<b>2</b> <i><b>Maundy Thursday</b></i>  <b>7PM</b> <b>Worship +C</b>	<b>3</b> <i><b>Good Friday</b></i> <i>No School</i> <b>1:30PM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>7PM Tenebrae</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  <b>No Worship</b>
<b>5</b> <i><b>Easter</b></i> <b>6:30AM Sunrise - Brass</b> 7-10AM Easter Breakfast <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>Choir/Brass/Handbells</i> <b>11AM Worship +C</b> <i>Choir/Brass/Handbells</i>	<b>6</b> <i>No School</i> <i>Easter Break</i>	<b>7</b> 6PM Evangelism at Elaine Bickel's  6-8PM Painting Class 6PM Pilates 7:30PM AA	<b>8</b>  6:53PM Choir	<b>9</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>10</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">→</div>	<b>11</b>  <b>7:30PM</b> <b>Worship+C</b>
<b>12</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship+C</b> 1:30PM Voters' Meeting Trustees Meeting Following 4-6PM Jr. Youth	<b>13</b>  <i>School Resumes</i>  7PM Handbells Stephen Ministers	<b>14</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Dorcas 6-8PM Painting Class 6PM Pilates 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM AA Heroes	<b>15</b> 9AM Bible Study  6:53PM Choir	<b>16</b>  6:15PM Praise Team  6:30PM Essential Oils	<b>17</b> 7AM St. Paul hosts Breakfast Club at MHS  <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	<b>18</b> 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking/ Crafts  <b>7:30PM</b> <b>Worship</b>
<b>19</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>Church Band</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> <b>Contemporary - Jr. Bells</b>	<b>20</b>  7PM Handbells	<b>21</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting Class 6PM Pilates 7:30PM AA 5-7PM Art/Music Fair	<b>22</b> 9AM Bible Study  6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	<b>23</b>  6:15PM Praise Team	<b>24</b>  Music Festival at Faith, Bay City	<b>25</b>  <b>7:30PM</b> <b>Worship+C</b>
<b>26</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Music Fest Group</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <b>Contemporary</b> 12PM Secret Angel Luncheon Confirmation Rehearsal 4-6PM Jr. Youth 4-7PM Dinner Dance	<b>27</b>  7PM Handbells Stephen Ministers	<b>28</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting Class 6PM Pilates  7:30PM AA	<b>29</b> 9AM Bible Study  6:53PM Choir	<b>30</b>  6:15PM Praise Team		