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A Message from Pastor Abatelli

College students sat down in their seats for class as their professor stood by the board to teach the lesson on April 2nd, 2015. Little did they know that while they came and opened their books to learn, men would come and open fire to take their lives.

It was a sad day at Garissa University in Kenya as a group called Al-Shabaab, stormed into this University interrupting classes and a Christian worship service. Collins Wetangula, vice chairman of the student union hid in his room and heard them inquiring who were Muslim or Christian. They said, "If you are a Christian you will be shot on the spot." He thought he was going to die that day. Joel Ayora, a survivor, remembers these men separating the Christians from the Muslims before killing 147.

This is not the first time our brothers and sisters in Christ were martyred for Christ. This group has attacked them before. It is sad that the main stream media gives this slaughter of Christians little mention, if any. It is only mentioned on that little news ticker on the bottom or a few minutes of air time. Yet on the same day, a man who decided not to make food for a certain party gets all the attention.

This is a reality, Christians are persecuted, churches burnt down and bombed, worshipers mocked, and rocks thrown at them. Our brothers and sisters are hurting and dying for their faith in Christ and we get the freedom to worship every day.

But what if that changed? Are we willing to give up ourselves for Christ? If we are just sitting at a restaurant and someone told us to deny Christ or die, are we willing to say we believe in Christ and die?

By God's grace, we will. This May 3rd, 29 teenagers will boldly confess their faith, saying that they are willing by God's grace, to continue steadfast and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from Christ. We said those same words when we confirmed our faith in Christ. Those 147 Christians not only said it, but meant it.

St. Paul Monthly Messenger

May 2015

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

*The May Messenger
is sponsored in honor of Marian
Toyzan's 80th birthday,
from her sister, Doris Gardner.*

Those words may not seem scary to say, but when the time comes fear can grip us and I know those 147 Christians were afraid, for fear is not uncommon for Christians. The disciples in John 20 were hiding behind closed doors fearing for their lives. But that changed when the Risen Christ appeared to them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then He breathed on them giving them His Holy Spirit.

It was that peace and Spirit Christ gave that made them boldly confess His name in their lives, even unto death. For they saw Christ die and then He was alive again.

The peace that they were forgiven by what He did on the cross. His peace that He rose and death is not the end. The peace of His cross and empty tomb penetrates past fear with His perfect love casting out all fear. His peace in the midst of despair turned to hope. That was the same peace those 147 Christians had, when Al-Shabaab stormed into the university. Peace of forgiveness, life, love and that this would not be the end, for their and our Savior is risen. That same peace, we have, His peace in His death and resurrection that overcomes the death, sin, fear, and despair and we now have life, forgiveness, love, and hope.

The Spirit Jesus Christ gave strengthened the disciples to say, "CHRIST IS ALIVE!" His Spirit that gave them strength to make that bold confession is the same Spirit those 147 Christians had. His spirit speared past worry and filled with joy that Christ is there whenever and wherever; and regardless of what is faced. His Spirit gave courage to stare terror in the face saying, "Christ is Risen!" His Spirit in baptism drowned all uncertainties and gave assurance of His saving love. That Spirit gave strength, joy, courage, and assurance that they are God's own child and they gladly proclaimed it.

HE HAS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

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Spiritual News

(Pastor's page continued)

We have that same Spirit giving us faith to know our Savior lives. He gives us strength, joy, courage, and assurance to shout out loud:

God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

With joy we know those 147 Christians are with Christ because of His peace given in His death and resurrection, because of His Spirit given to say Christ is alive. With the same peace and Spirit we boldly proclaim together with them, HE IS RISEN!

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.

Adult Instruction Class - led by Pastor Abatelli in the Multi-Purpose Room (off the church hallway.) If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, please call the church office.

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., May 12th at 7:30PM in the Library.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Sat., May 2nd

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!

May Scripture Readings

May 3rd

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:1-21

John 15:1-8

May 10th

Acts 10:34-48

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17

May 17th

Acts 1:12-26

1 John 5:9-15

John 17:11b-19

May 24th

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 31st

Isaiah 6:1-8

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

John 3:1-17



8th Grade Confirmation

**Sun., May 3rd
in the 11AM service**

First Communion

Sun., May 10th in the 11AM service



Ascension Day

Thurs., May 14th
Worship Service at 7PM

Musical Opportunities



Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

Calendar of Events

Weekly Happenings

Storyhour

Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. Free for all preschool children.



Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall.

Painting Classes

Tuesdays at 6PM in the Projects Room.



PIYO Pilates Workout

Tuesdays from 6-6:45PM in the Parish Hall. Bring a mat.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30PM in the Council Room.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, May 15th



Blood Drive

Fri., May 15th from 1-6PM at St. Paul in the Parish Hall. Sign up in the narthex or call the school office.

Essential Oils 101

Thurs., May 21st 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.



**MEMORIAL DAY
MON., MAY 25TH**

Scrapbooking/Crafts

Sat., May 9th 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@spmill.org. **SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

Meet and Greet

The Board of Education will be hosting a fellowship hour between church services on Sun., May 10th in the Parish Hall for Paul Mueller. Paul is the 8th grade teacher considering a call from St. Paul and will be here visiting that weekend. Please stop in to introduce yourself, welcome him to our church and school, and enjoy coffee and treats! Please continue to pray for Paul and his family, his current school and St. Paul during this call process. Hope to see you there!

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10th

May Meetings

Evangelism

Tues., May 5th at 6PM at Elaine Bickel's home

Social Concerns

Wed., May 6th at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., May 6th at 7:30PM

Trustees

Sun., May 10th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Monday, May 11th at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., May 12th at 6:30PM

Dorcas Meeting

Tues., May 19th at 6PM

Elders

Wed., May 27th at 7:30PM

Memorials / Serve & Volunteer / Miscellaneous

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

Ushers

If you would like the opportunity to serve your Lord, the **Usher Policy** has been updated to include both men and women. **Ushers are needed** for all three services. Please contact the church office, Glen Brown at 810-686-1490 or an Elder for more information.

VBS Director Needed

If you have a passion for children and Vacation Bible School, we can use you! In order to continue VBS at St. Paul, a director is needed. If God is leading you in this direction, or for more details, please call the church office.

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!

Stephen Ministry News

On Sun., Feb. 22nd, we celebrated with 7 servants of our most high God, as after 50 hours of training, they were officially commissioned as Stephen Ministers. Please join us in continuous prayer for the one-on-one, Christ centered caring ministry of:

(left to right) Lisa Mohr, Greg Mohr, Sonya Vollweiler, Jackie Stewart, Nancy Wilson, Katrina Wager, and Ed White.



MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Olivia Rose Reinert-Coggins Building Fund	\$130.00
IN MEMORY OF Donna Estes General Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
IN MEMORY OF KARL TITSWORTH General Fund	\$ 40.00
Building Fund	\$ 35.00
St. Paul School	\$645.00
Send Out Cards	\$ 50.00
IN MEMORY OF Katherine Bergdolt General Fund	\$ 20.00
IN HONOR OF Raymond and Marian Reinert on their 62 nd Wedding Anniversary General Fund	\$ 62.00
IN MEMORY OF Marie Stewart General Fund	\$ 20.00
IN MEMORY OF Walter Kamasis St. Paul School	\$ 10.00
IN MEMORY OF Donna Ames Building Fund	\$ 10.00
IN HONOR OF Howard Hergenreder on his birthday General Fund	\$ 20.00
IN HONOR OF 80 years of life for Margie Scannell Building Fund	\$ 80.00
IN HONOR OF Lorine Petzold's 80 th birthday Building Fund	\$320.00
IN MEMORY OF Marleah Hoard General Fund	\$ 20.00
IN MEMORY OF Karen Jobson Hot Lunch Program	\$ 20.00

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary LSB: pp.299-304 May 2015					<u>1</u> Lv 18:1-7, 20-19:8 Lk 11:1-13 Ps 119:1-8	<u>2</u> Lv 19:9-18, 26-37 Lk 11:14-36 Ps 36:7-12
<u>3</u> 5 th Sunday of Easter Lv 20:1-16, 22-27 Lk 11:37-54 Ps 37:1-9	<u>4</u> Lv 21:1-24 Lk 12:1-12 Ps 31:1-5	<u>5</u> Lv 23:1-22 Lk 12:13-34 Ps 127	<u>6</u> No Bible Study Lv 23:23-44 Lk 12:35-53 Ps 116:12-19	<u>7</u> Lv 24:1-23 Lk 12:54 -- 13:17 Ps 52	<u>8</u> Lv 26:1-20 Lk 13:18-35 Ps 119:33-40	<u>9</u> Lv 26:21-33, 39-44 Lk 14:1-24 Ps 63:1-5, 8-11
<u>10</u> 6 th Sunday of Easter Nu 3:1-16, 39-48 Lk 14:25 -- 15:10 Ps 135:13-21	<u>11</u> Nu 8:5-26 Lk 15:11-32 Ps 103:6-14	<u>12</u> Nu 9:1-23 Lk 16:1-18 Ps 85:1-7	<u>13</u> 9:00 Bible Study Nu 10:11-36 Lk 16:19-31 Ps 62:5-10	<u>14</u> Ascension Nu 11:1-23, 31-35 Lk 17:1-19 Ps 130	<u>15</u> Nu 11:24-29 12:1-16 Lk 17:20-37 Ps 77:11-15	<u>16</u> Nu 13:1-3, 17-33 Lk 18:1-17 Ps 119:97-104
<u>17</u> 7 th Sunday of Easter Nu 14:1-25 Lk 18:18-34 Ps 81:10-16	<u>18</u> Nu 14:26-45 Lk 18:35 -- 19:10 Ps 146:5-9	<u>19</u> Nu 16:1-22 Lk 19:11-28 Ps 111	<u>20</u> 9:00 Bible Study Nu 16:23-40 Lk 19:29-48 Ps 118:19-25	<u>21</u> Nu 16:41 -- 17:13 Lk 20:1-18 80:14-19	<u>22</u> Nu 20:1-21 Lk 20:19-44 Ps 78:9-16	<u>23</u> Nu 20:22 -- 21:9 Lk 20:45 -- 21:19 Ps 116:1-4, 16-19
<u>24</u> Day of Pentecost Nu 21:10-35 Lk 21:20-38 Ps 135:8-14	<u>25</u> Nu 22:1-20 Lk 22:1-23 Ps 128	<u>26</u> Nu 22:21 -- 23:3 Lk 22:24-46 Ps 94:8-14	<u>27</u> 9:00 Bible Study Nu 23:4-28 Lk 22:47-71 Ps 22:19-26	<u>28</u> Nu 24:1-25 Lk 23:1-25 Ps 1	<u>29</u> Nu 27:12-23 Lk 23:26-56 Ps 132:8-12	<u>30</u> Nu 32:1-6, 16-27 Lk 24:1-27 Ps 97:6-12
<u>31</u> Holy Trinity Nu 35:9-30 Lk 24:28-53 Ps 46:1-7	From: <u>A Year in The Old Testament</u> , Jeffrey Puisse, cph -- <i>Prayer of the Day</i> (Thursday, Easter 5) O Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath, rescue us from our hypocrisy, which keeps us from seeing You as the center of all of Scripture and acknowledging the present time as the time of salvation. Call us to repent of our self-righteousness so that we might look to You alone as the source of our life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.					

From: A Year in the OT – THE HOLY TRINITY – *Meditation* – “**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble**” (Ps 46:1). Even though the mountains shake, the waters foam, the earth quakes, and the walls of the fortresses of humankind crumble and fall, God is our refuge and strength. He will not let your foot slip; He will not let you stumble and fall; He is a very present help in time of trouble. Indeed, of trouble there is plenty!

It is a troubling and troublesome world in which we dwell. It is a place of quaking and shaking as nations rage and kingdoms totter. It is a place of disaster, natural and manmade. It is the place in which we dwell, and it is a place that causes us great concern. It is a troubling and troublesome world in which we dwell, but God is our refuge and our strength. He watches over and keeps us; He is our helper and protector, our God.

Who is this LORD of hosts? Who is this one called the Most High? How shall we know Him, and how is it that He regards us? He who has made us has revealed Himself to us in His Son. Our Creator and Sustainer sent His only-begotten Son so that we might know Him and rejoice in His favor. It is Christ who shows us our God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ’s sacrificial act redeems us and restores us in the eyes of the Father in order that we might have joy in His presence once again. The Son, the Resurrected One, opens our eyes and we behold with wonder the grace of God.

Through the blood of His Son, the Father sees us as His children, who have been brought through the waters as the Spirit works faith. In Him, we are children not of an earthly father but children of the Word and Spirit, children who walk by faith guided by the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier...

In the midst of an unsettled world, in the midst of troubling times, in the midst of an uncertain future, in the midst of so much fear and so little security, God is our refuge and strength. Behold His works, look upon His mighty deeds, see His powerful presence, hear His voice, and observe His wonders. This is our God, our refuge and strength. This is our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be still and know that He is God; be still and be comforted that He is with us, a mighty fortress, an unshakable refuge and strength.

Miscellaneous

Mark Your Calendar

Dorcas LWIM 2nd Annual Bus Trip Wed., June 17th. Everyone is invited. The bus leaves St. Paul at 9AM and returns by 5PM. One low price of \$55.00 includes: round trip motor coach, admission to the USS Edson Naval Ship and Museum, narrated 2 hour river cruise on the Islander, lunch at the Atrium in Bay City, and time to shop. RSVP by calling Connie Keinath 871-4125 or Eileen Ziegler 871-2329.

8th Grade Graduation

Sun., June 7th

in the 11AM service



All high school and college graduates are invited to wear your caps and gowns and join us at the 11AM service.

Area News

Free Skin Cancer Screening Tues., May 5th from 5:30-7:30PM at the Covenant Cancer Care Center on Mackinaw. Please call 989-583-6278 to register.

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., May 8th from 11AM-2PM and 4-7PM at St. Martin, Birch Run. Adults: \$10, 5-12: \$7, Under 5: Free.

Valley Lutheran Open House May 17th from 2-3PM. Come in for a guided tour and receive info about the programs and activities offered at Valley. For more info., call Tom Roekle 989-790-1676 or email troekle@vlhs.com.

Prolife Walk Across the Thumb – Walk for Life – Raise Awareness – Make Your Voice Heard – The walk (approximately 65 miles) will begin in Port Sanilac on Wed., Aug. 5th and end in Frankenmuth on Fri., Aug. 7th. Free to any walkers 13 and older. Donations accepted. For more info or to participate, call 989-798-4814, email watt4life2015, or Facebook-Prolife Walk Across the Thumb.

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.

Yearbook Pictures

Pictures are needed for the 2014-15 school year. If you have any class photos, banquets, confirmation, sports, field trips, candid, etc., please email to stacey.force@spsmill.org. Thank you for helping make a memorable book for the students!

Valley Lutheran High School Honor Roll

(3.7+)

Bo Hobson, Aaron Singer, Timothy Singer, Sarah Totten, Benjamin White, Tyler Bentley

(3.25-3.69)

Justin Allen, ReAnna Hecht, Serena Petzold, Jeremiah Jacobs

Congratulations on a job well done!

Special Thanks!!

Thank you to Ray Peche, Jason Loomis, Robert Loomis, and Dick & Judy Kolaja for providing the metal, fabricating and painting the brackets for the new parking lot lights. Your help is greatly appreciated!

-The Board of Trustees

Thank you to Pastor Bruner for visiting Anthony (Scott) in the hospital, for praying with him and for calling and praying with me. Also, thank you to the congregation for all your prayers and thoughts. All are appreciated. – Robin Pease

LEAP Update

29 participants attended the LEAPshops at which they received information and participated in discussions to strengthen and expand access to Lutheran Christian early childhood programs and daycare. Parents seek quality early childhood and daycare opportunities, especially in programs that share their Christian values. Lutheran congregations and other ministries have begun the process of transitioning LEAP into a formal alliance. Over the last several years the LEAP strategic implementation team has launched several efforts to accomplish its goals, but has now found that developing a formal structure is critical to its long-term effectiveness. Several congregations and other ministries have announced their participation in this next step. The Lutheran congregations and other ministries which are participating in LEAP sponsor 20 Lutheran Schools from across the Great Lakes Bay Region. Over 2600 students attend those schools. It is LEAP's vision to build and encourage successful collaboration among all congregations and to ensure excellent and financially stable pre-kindergarten through high school Lutheran schools.



May Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Janice Binder	5/1	Timothy Weber	5/7	Erik Lince	5/15	Eunice Peche	5/24
Jean Jensen	5/1	Ann Auernhammer	5/8	Dawn Reinert	5/15	Jamie Blue	5/25
Timothy Pashby	5/1	Jackson Shreve	5/8	Terri Reinert	5/15	Gavin Henderson	5/25
Amy Schiefer	5/1	Audrey Brown	5/9	David Williams	5/15	Thomas Howay	5/25
Koltyn Sebert	5/1	Alexis Bruner	5/9	Joshua Allen	5/16	Andrea Ide	5/25
Robert Blogg	5/2	Santana Edler	5/9	Nathan Draper	5/16	Jonathan Keinath	5/25
Marian McIntyre	5/2	Shane Edler	5/9	Ashley Mason	5/16	Marie Koch	5/25
Jonathan Petzold	5/2	Allie Ehrmantraut	5/9	Loraine M. Petzold	5/16	Tammy Kowitz	5/25
Donald Rasmussen	5/2	Matthew Harrington	5/9	Debra Werner	5/16	James Lyons	5/25
Kim Reinig	5/2	Marie Keinath	5/9	Diane Bishop	5/17	Edna McLaren	5/25
Colton Smith	5/2	Stacie Lyons	5/9	Skylar Ley	5/17	Ian Damm	5/26
Seth Smith	5/2	Marie Marks	5/9	Carmin List	5/17	Lydia Denome	5/26
Katlyn Torres	5/2	Joshua Myers	5/9	Melissa Wagner	5/17	Gary Johnson	5/26
Bryan Wilson Jr.	5/2	Patrick Decker	5/10	Maxwell Wood	5/17	Erik Loper	5/26
Korbyn Cartner	5/3	Adam Gross	5/10	Angela Zeck	5/17	Daniel Meacham	5/26
Rachel ILL	5/3	Kristin Hoard	5/10	Lisa Bastian	5/18	Cynthia Miller	5/26
Heather Jones	5/3	Mary Kern	5/10	Jean Harsen	5/18	Steven Foley	5/27
Hudson Myers	5/3	Sandra Lince	5/10	Heidi Petzold	5/18	Dani Lyons	5/27
Lindsay Paquette	5/3	Sarah Mays	5/10	Kyle Yatsevich	5/18	Christopher Michael	5/27
Emma Stewart	5/3	Savannah Porter	5/10	Constance Damm	5/19	Logan Morningstar	5/27
Lori Stratton	5/3	Patricia Reinert	5/10	Kelsy Fisher	5/19	Todd Nelson	5/27
Nancy Wagner	5/3	Betty Bradley	5/11	David Holtsberry	5/19	Dylin Polzin	5/27
Cody Woodward	5/3	Cherri Holmes	5/11	Larry ILL	5/19	Ricky Reinert	5/27
Michelle Jaruzel	5/4	Harry Kern	5/11	Arlyn Marks	5/19	Matthew Schiefer	5/27
Holly Jones	5/4	Julie Piar	5/11	Wyatt Popham	5/19	Mark Ferrier	5/28
Landon Kern	5/4	Caleb Reinbold	5/11	Jay Rodammer	5/19	Sharon Garrett	5/28
Gabriella Porter	5/4	Abigail Whittaker	5/11	Caleb Schlereth	5/19	Jorden Goodhue	5/28
Travis Washburn	5/4	Dianne Johnston	5/12	Trevor Betzing	5/20	Rachel Lawrence	5/28
Jeffrey Jones	5/5	Sue Sayles	5/12	David Decker	5/20	Carmen Leitz	5/28
Haily Kennedy	5/5	Matthew Stewart	5/12	Jordyn Frahm	5/20	Joseph Pavlicek	5/28
Rebecca Mitchell	5/5	John Walz	5/12	Daniel Inman	5/20	Ryan Pavlicek	5/28
Joshua Williams	5/5	Harper Aguirre	5/13	Jacob Jensen	5/20	Marlene Straub	5/28
June Bierlein	5/6	Christian Alberts	5/13	Kelley Opperman	5/20	Flora Weber	5/28
Betty Bleuer	5/6	Cameron Barnum	5/13	Donald Heuchert	5/21	Katherine Weber	5/28
Owen Butterfield	5/6	Troy Bonadurer	5/13	Amy Bentley	5/22	Chad Cobanovich	5/29
Susan Clouse	5/6	Kieran Ehrhardt	5/13	April Ehrhardt	5/22	Joanne Jaruzel	5/29
Rian Edler	5/6	Crystalyn Erickson	5/13	Misti Fall	5/22	Jennifer Koch	5/29
Jodie Frahm	5/6	Geffory McTaggart	5/13	Theodore Kabat	5/22	Christian Martinez	5/29
Thomas Glynn	5/6	Zachary Myers	5/13	Gary Knoll	5/22	Tayler Martinez	5/29
Madison Hahn	5/6	Jackie Sabgash	5/13	Robert O'Dell	5/22	Victor Schwab	5/29
Rosalyn Horning	5/6	Ashlie Sayles	5/13	Angi O'Neil	5/22	James Brueggemann Jr.	5/30
Adam Johnson	5/6	Stephen Schmandt	5/13	Robin Shaffer	5/22	Ron King	5/30
Destiny Stevens	5/6	Marcia Stohon	5/13	Angela Thomason	5/22	Cheryl Leix	5/30
Mya Sutton	5/6	Emaline Whittaker	5/13	Brenda Frahm	5/23	Michael Montney	5/30
Taylor Withers	5/6	Larry Greer III	5/14	Kelsey Gronowski	5/23	Stephan Schultz	5/30
Yvonne Burrows	5/7	Colin Meacham	5/14	Katie Jensen	5/23	Ronald Wittum	5/30
Meghan DuRussel	5/7	Gina Werner	5/14	Matthew Sandusky	5/23	Matthew Burns	5/31
Stephanie Long	5/7	Mark Williams	5/14	James Bodeis Jr.	5/24	Alfred Cunningham	5/31
Ronald Mieske	5/7	Emily Wood	5/14	Jessica Detgen	5/24	Carolyn Howe	5/31
Barbara Paquette	5/7	Anna Jensen	5/15	Dillon Leix	5/24	Chelsea Lichnovsky	5/31
Betty Rueger	5/7	Laura Keinath	5/15	Seth Mohr	5/24	Torrey Lichnovsky	5/31

*God's Richest Blessings
on Your Birthday!*

What St. Paul Means to Me / Financial Report

St. Paul is a big family, everyone in the church is close together. We are a family first, school second! Whenever you need help at St. Paul, there are going to be people who help you with your problem, you can always count on them like they can always count on you. Learning math, science and language always helps you in life, but learning to love one another, knowing no matter what life throws at you, God and my St. Paul family will help me through; that is a life lesson we all need! I am so thankful for the caring teachers and staff that I had through my years at St. Paul. I know I can still walk into St. Paul and feel the love and welcome by them all even though I have been out of St. Paul School for almost 4 years.

-Danielle DeOrnellas

My God has been with me even when I forgot He was. The same with St. Paul. I just got back. You see, I have been gone awhile. Too long. But God and St Paul never gave up on me. God took my father from me. I could not understand this. I could not walk into the church. Why? My dad never hurt anything. Then a Facebook page of a picture of our church just hit me. My dad was at peace with my Lord and I wanted to be as well. I feel so much better having the family back. My St. Paul family. Pastor Bruner was there for my dad and me again.

Also, St. Paul has always been there for my four children. The church and school was the stability in all four of their lives. Learning about our Lord on a daily basis was exactly what they each needed. St. Paul understood my financial situation and would not charge me tuition. They never turned my children away. Because of St. Paul my children have churches of their own and I believe have molded them into the wonderful adults they have become!

-Robin Pease

Monthly Financial Report for Congregation		
General Church Account for Month Ending 3/31/15		
Carryover Deficit as of 2/28/15		(\$164,201.16)
March General Fund Income	\$101,299.36	
March Living the Parable #2	\$ 200.00	
March General Fund Expenses	<u>(\$101,768.62)</u>	
+ / - for Month of March	(\$269.26)	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		<u>(\$164,470.42)</u>
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2014/2015 through 3/31/15		(\$90,787.60)
March Monthly Givings:		
Building Fund (Direct givings, Memorials, etc.)	\$16,373.00	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$ 1,637.37	
T.I.M. (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$ 998.69	
VLHS (Direct givings plus mission %)	\$ 285.34	

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:	<u>\$ 8,008.50</u>
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 th of each month)	



May Schedule



Acolytes

May			
2	7:30PM		David Daenzer
3	8:30AM		Joshua Allen & Justin
3	11AM	Confirmation	Zac Maas & Duane (+ Crucifer)
9	7:30PM		Christian Kennedy
10	8:30AM		Kirsten Skousen
10	11AM	1st. Comm.	Abby Brown & Tim
14	7PM	Ascension	Landon Kern & Jeremy (+ Crucifer)
16	7:30PM		Zac Maas & Duane
17	8:30AM		Asher Petzold & Jeremy
17	11AM		Jenna Smith
23	7:30PM		David Daenzer & Mason Lugg
24	8:30AM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
24	11AM		Josh Blue & Timmy David
30	7:30PM		Ethan Hoard & Evan
31	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
31	11AM		Pierce & Sterling Force

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	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
	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 - Mary White
 11AM - Kristin Hoard

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He is risen...He is risen INDEED!

God has truly given all of us so much for which to be grateful! Take time to stop and look around at all of the wonderful blessings springing up before you.

As the school year winds down, we have several very special events during May to mark on your calendars.

May 1 [Wear your school theme shirt](#)

May 3 [Confirmation](#) 11:00 a.m. service

May 6 [P.T.L. Meeting](#) at 6:00 p.m.

May 7 [National Day of Prayer](#) & [3rd-8th Grade Spelling Bee](#) at 1:00 p.m.

May 10 [8th grade First Communion](#)

May 13 [Athletic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. We will acknowledge the God-given athletic talents of the boys and girls that participated in school athletics. Awards will be given to the athletes for their participation as well as a special award- *The Reflection of Christ*- to the eighth grade boy and girl that most show Christ in everything they do, both on the field of competition and off.

May 14 [Chapel](#) Ascension Day

May 25 [NO SCHOOL](#) ~ Memorial Day Both the school and church offices will be closed as well.

May 27 [Academic Banquet](#) 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to the boys and girls in 5th-8th grades that will be recognized during a dinner in their honor for using their God-given academic talents throughout the school year.

May 28 [Preschool Graduation & Picnic](#) starting at 11:30 a.m.



May Sports



May 2	Track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 16	Regional track meet at VLHS	TBA
May 19	TCLL Relay meet at Reese	TBA
May 26	Track Meet at Lapeer West	TBA
May 30	State Track meet at VLHS	TBA



School Music Opportunities



May 11	All Students K-8	choice of service
May 17	Free Spirit Choir	8:30 a.m.

We would like to say thank you to the coaches, players and fans for your help and support during the Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer and track team seasons. We are looking for someone who would like to coach the fall soccer team. If you are interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Craig Stiff, as soon as possible.

We participate in programs with Meijer & Kroger stores. Using your Kroger card allows St. Paul Lutheran School to receive 5% of your purchase. **SCRIP** is available in the school office for many local and Flint/ Saginaw stores like Shop-Rite and Marathon Gas stations (Bo's). **SCRIP** gift cards are great for Mother's and Father's Day as well as graduation. See the school office for all of the special programs available.

MAY 2015

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Notes 9:45AM Bible Study Adult Instruction Class Sunday School					1	2 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7:30PM Worship
3 8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM **See Notes** 11AM Worship Confirmation <i>Church Choir</i>	4 7PM Handbells	5 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting Class Pilates 6PM Evangelism at Elaine Bickel's 7:30PM AA	6 No Bible Study 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council	7 6PM PTL Meeting 6:15PM Praise Team	8	9 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking Crafts 7:30PM Worship+C
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30AM Worship <i>Grades K-8</i> 9:45AM **See Notes** 11AM Worship+C 1st Communion <i>Grades K-8</i> 6PM Trustees	11 7PM Handbells Stephen Ministry	12 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting Class Pilates 6:30PM Board of Education 7:30PM AA Heroes	13 9AM Bible Study 6PM Athletic Banquet 6:53PM Choir	14 Ascension Day 7PM Worship	15 <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 1-6PM Blood Drive	16 7:30PM Worship
17 8:30AM Worship+C <i>Handbells / Music Fest Group</i> 9:45AM **See Notes** 11AM Worship Contemporary <i>Cantate</i>	18	19 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting Class Pilates Dorcas 7:30PM AA	20 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir	21 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Essential Oils	22	23 7:30PM Worship+C
24 8:30AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM **See Notes** 11AM Worship+C Contemporary	25 Memorial Day <i>No School Offices Closed</i>	26 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting PM Painting Class Pilates 7:30PM AA	27 9AM Bible Study 6PM Academic Banquet 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	28 6:15PM Praise Team	29 7AM St. Paul Hosts Breakfast Club at MHS	30 <i>Youth Service</i> 7:30PM Worship
31 <i>Youth Service</i> 8:30AM Worship 9:45AM **See Notes** 11AM Worship						