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A Message from Pastor Abatelli

St. Paul Monthly Messenger

November 2015

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

*The November Messenger
is sponsored in memory
of Paris Rogers
from her husband.*

Thanksgiving is around the corner and I would like to share a story about a 17 year old girl, Liz, who showed that we have a lot to be thankful for. During an English class Liz was disturbed by a remark from a peer, "I do not have anything to be thankful for." Liz's mind screamed, "What?" Her stomach dropped as she thought about her mission trip to Haiti.

Not a second after arriving at Haiti she assisted the medical team. Haitians lived without luxuries we take for granted: indoor plumbing, electricity, paved roads, and air conditioning. Not having these luxuries they rarely had a chance to bathe. The smell was nearly impossible to tolerate. She found herself holding her breath kneeling down to help put shoes on barefoot Haitians. She offered simple things: clothing, toys, shoes and laughter. There smiles never failed to remind her of similarities. Our human needs are the same. It was just that hers were met most of the time and theirs were not.

She saw many heart breaking things, but nothing touched her more than a visit a Home for the Sick and Malnourished Babies. There a Nun approached them with a small girl who shouted happily "Hello!" A closer look revealed her condition. Liz shift nervously as she followed the nun, wondering if all the children would be that unhealthy like that little girl.

Before seeing the children she heard them. The heat in the room was suffocating. Holding her breath preparing for what she might smell or see. The sight was heart wrenching. The room was lined with cribs. At first she was paralyzed with helplessness. Those in her group began smiling and talking to the infants. She quickly followed their example. Suppressing her feelings, she showered them with as much attention as she could.

Suddenly, singing was heard from another part of the building and the group followed. In a dining hall, older, healthier toddlers just finished their meal and greeted them with a song, *De rein, tra la la, merci merci!* Translated from French, *Welcome and thank you.* Liz held back tears as these attention starved children hurried to them. It was simply impossible for a handful of staff to give nearly 100 children their individual focus each day. Desperate to be held and hugged, the kids tugged at their cloths.

After a little while the children were called to another room. Liz and the group started to leave and did their best to give last minute hugs and smiles. Leaving, Liz saw a baby girl in a rocking chair holding out her arms, crying, wanting to be held. Liz picked her up and she stopped crying instantly. That girl rested her head on Liz's shoulder and Liz spoke softly to her, words of Jesus. She offered the simplest thing the child wanted... human contact and love.

Overcome with hopelessness thinking of all the children. She felt spoiled as she thought of the life she would return to. She realized it is a gift from God to be born into the family she had. Before leaving she gave a fistful of money, whatever little bit could help. God has shown mercy to her by giving her the life she has, that she wanted; no needed to give anything and everything she could to these little ones in return.

A month before Christmas, in her classroom of students

who had been shelter from the reality of how many people lived poorly in the world. She thought, *If only they knew how much we have and take for granted, maybe they'd be more grateful.* Liz shook her head sadly and raising her hand, "I like to tell the class about my trip."

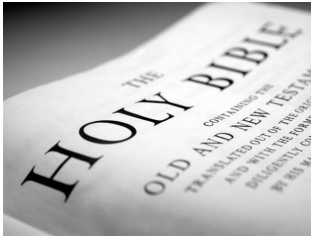
If only we knew how much we have and how much we take for granted maybe we can show our gratitude. God has blessed us; we have a lot to be thankful for... a lot of things: clothing, shoes, food, human care/contact, but also the greatest gift of Christ, Him dying for the world sins and rising to life.

We have a great gift of Christ's love and care to share with others. We could speak softly in their ears as Liz did to that girl of God's great love in Jesus who died and rose. We can show this love and thankfulness for Christ by our actions. Liz gave money to show her thankfulness for God's love and abundance of blessings- luxuries she had. She also offered the simplest expression of thankfulness that those kids needed- human contact. Those who are poor don't have those gifts we take for granted: a hug or hearing of Jesus. We have so much to be thankful for, physical luxuries that many don't have, and the spiritual blessings that Christ gave us in His death and rising to life. We cannot help but have the want, no the need to share these gifts with others. We have an abundance of blessings lets share them including sharing Christ to all.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Abatelli

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 – “Bearing Their Burden” - Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library. Do you know someone who bears the burden of sin? Truthfully, we all bear the burden of sin. Whatever the sin may be, anyone who has rejected God in a moment of weakness can still come to God the Father in repentance and be restored by His amazing grace. How can we talk about the sin of others without being judgmental, rather show concern for their soul? The issue of same sex attraction will be one area addressed in this study. This Bible study will apply the principles of Galatians 6:1-2. “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ.”

Adult Instruction Class “The Real Truth” - Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The Story tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves His children, made a Way of salvation, and provided a route to eternity. Please join us between services in the spare room next to the 4th grade classroom. There will be cookies!

Other Bible Studies

Daily Lectionary

Led by Pastor Bruner Wednesdays at 9AM in the Council Room.

Heroes Men’s Bible Study

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

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study

Sat., November 7th at 7:30AM in the school library. Coffee and goodies provided.

Chapel

Have you ever wondered what 175+ children sound like singing praises to God? You are welcome to find out and join us any time for **chapel on Wednesdays** at 8AM.

Scripture Readings

November 1st Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Hebrews 9:11-22
Mark 12:28-37

November 8th 1 Kings 17:8-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15th Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-13

November 22nd Isaiah 5:4-6
Jude 20-25
Mark 13:24-37

November 29th Jeremiah 33:1-16
1 Thess. 3:9-13
Luke 19:28-40

October Meetings

Social Concerns

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

Council

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

Trustees

Sun., Nov. 8th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Nov. 9th & 23rd at 7PM

Board of Education

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

Dorcas

Tues., Nov. 17th at 6PM

Elders

Wed., Nov. 25th at 7:30PM

Musical Opportunities

Anyone is welcome to join any of our musical groups at any time!

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at
6:15PM



Calendar of Events

High School Youth Nights

Sundays from 6-8PM - All high school youth are invited.
Bring a friend or two!

Youth Service

Sat., Nov. 28th at 7:30PM

Sun., Nov. 29th at 8:30 & 11AM

Opportunities for Scripture Readings, Liturgy Leader, Skit, and Music. Call the church office if interested.

Trim the Tree

Sun., November 29th from 3-8PM

Start the Christmas season with Tree Lighting, Decorating, Hot Chocolate & Cookies!

Watch for upcoming events in the bulletin and on the 'St. Paul Lutheran High School' Facebook page.

47th Annual PTL Harvest Dinner

Sun., Nov. 8th from 11-2:30PM

Join us for great fellowship and a homemade Four Meat Traditional Thanksgiving Feast!
Adults: \$10.00, Seniors (over 60): \$7.00
6-12: \$5.00, 5 & under: Free

Popcorn Balls



It's that time of year again. . .Popcorn Ball making time. Join us for a great time of fun and fellowship as we gather together to create delicious treats for the Dorcas Bazaar. We will meet in the kitchen on Mon., Nov. 9th at 1PM. If questions, please call Lorie Keinath at 871-3739.

Dorcas Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 14th from 9AM-2PM

Luncheon 11AM-1:30PM

Thurs., Nov. 12th will be the Kid's Day. Our entire school will be given the chance to shop with their classmates. We work hard all year to provide items that range in cost from \$.25 and up. A wide selection of items is available: Christmas decorations & crafts, toys, live plants, hats & gloves, blankets, quilts, rugs, candy, baked goods, jewelry, and more. Parents may send money with their children on that day so they can buy items. Many children "do their Christmas shopping" on this day. If financial help is needed, please let the school office know.

Sat., Nov. 14th the bazaar is open to the public from 9AM -2PM. This year, we will be joined by other vendors. We look forward to their items adding to ours to give our shoppers even more to choose from.

Our ladies once again will provide a luncheon for a low cost. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and food, including homemade cookies.

Our 7th grade class will bake cookies for their Annual Cookie Walk. This is a great opportunity to get your baking done - without the work and also support their Washington D.C. trip. Come and choose whatever varieties you like. I like to mix and match some from each box. I can't wait to fill my freezer with Christmas goodies!

Our Bazaar items and the Cookie Walk will be available before and after each service on Saturday and Sunday that weekend. Hope to see you there. Thank you for supporting our wonderful groups, the 7th graders, and our Dorcas ladies.

If questions, call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.



toys and Joys

Saturday, November 7th

9AM-12PM in the Parish Hall

Want to avoid high prices for
Christmas shopping?

Greatly reduced priced gifts for ages 2 & up.
All proceeds will go to a local charity.

We are accepting new toys for ages 2 through teen. Monetary donations are also appreciated. **Donations will be collected**

Mon., Nov. 2nd through Fri., Nov. 6th. Please drop off at school or church office.

Workers needed Sat., Nov. 7th
from 8AM-2PM

and bargain shoppers to help buy items.

If questions, or to help,

Calendar of Events Continued

Tuesday Happenings at St. Paul

Everyone is welcome!

Storyhour

Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the nursery.

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall.

Painting Classes

Tuesdays from 6-8PM in the Projects Room.

Get Fit

Tuesdays at 6PM in the Parish Hall.

AA Meetings

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

Messenger/Calendar Deadline Friday, Nov. 13th

Essential Oils 101

Thurs., Nov. 19th at 6:30PM

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.

Scrapbooking

Sat., Nov. 21st from 9AM-7PM

** We will meet in the Projects Room this month.**

Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door.

R.S.V.P. in the school office 871-4581 or at

school.office@spmill.org.

SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME...JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!

Special Thanks!

Another Fall Festival has come and gone and what a learning experience! Matt and I would like to **thank everyone** who helped out with this event by either volunteering, donating an item or just by coming and enjoying yourselves. **Special thanks** go to our PTL for running concessions, Les Maxson for putting together our entertainment, Diane & Roger Leach for having faith in us to take this over, and to our friends and family for helping with setup/tear down and helping us keep our sanity! Plans are already being made for next year and we would appreciate any help or ideas you may have.

God's Blessings,
Matt & Angie Ayotte

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Upcoming Special Services

Thanksgiving Service:

Thursday, November 26th - 10AM

+Communion

Advent Services:

Wed., Dec. 2nd - 4PM & 7PM

Wed., Dec. 9th - 4PM & 7PM

Wed., Dec. 16th - 4PM & 7PM

Soup Suppers each Wednesday during

Advent from 5-6:30PM

Free will donation

Christmas Choir Concert:

Sunday, Dec. 6th - 4PM

Fiesta Dinner Following Concert

Children's Christmas Services:

Sunday, Dec. 20th - 4PM

Wednesday, Dec. 24th - 6PM

Christmas Eve Service:

Candlelight - 9PM

Christmas Day Service: 10AM

+Communion

New Year's Eve Service: 7PM

+Communion



Memorials / Serve & Volunteer / Quilting News

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Arno Keinath	
General Fund	\$770.00
Building Fund	\$800.00
IN HONOR OF Pastor Bruner	
General Fund	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Marion Schiefer	
General Fund	\$700.00
IN MEMORY OF Patricia Whitton	
Seminarian Fund	\$55.00
IN MEMORY OF Wilmer Bleuer	
General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Wilmer Bleuer's 90 th Birthday	
General Fund	\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Everett Betts	
General Fund	\$25.00
IN APPRECIATION FOR Pastor Bruner	
General Fund	\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Laura Schwab	
General Fund	\$250.00
To Be Designated by Family	\$30.00
Praise Team	\$25.00

Dorcas Quilting

We have sent our World Relief Quilts. 200 were delivered to St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Thurs., Oct. 15th and then they were taken to Detroit on the 20th. From there they will be distributed throughout the world as needed.

Each week ladies are invited to join in making these quilts and others, such as quilts for the bazaar and people in need. We were joined by new members in October. Carol Schwab and Mildred Keinath came out to help. They were welcomed by an enthusiastic group and together we made 13 World Relief quilts that day.

We can always use more help. This is a wonderful opportunity to help others and serve our Lord. See you next week from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience is necessary. Come when you can. If questions, call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.



Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

Tissues - Thank you to everyone who donated boxes of tissues for the church.

Giving Tree - We know it seems early, but Christmas will be here soon! Please consider donating money to the **Giving Tree** so we can start shopping ahead of time. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Thank you for your support!

Breakfast Club is a great opportunity for high school students to hear a devotion and get free breakfast every Friday at 7AM at the Millington High School. St. Paul is on a rotating schedule with five other groups and we are hosting Fri., Nov. 6th. To help offset the cost, we could use donations of **soft flour taco shells, shredded cheese, ground sausage, eggs, orange juice, and chocolate milk**. Any donation will be helpful, or monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Another easy way to volunteer is by preparing the breakfast. We will have the food, you just need to cook it, have it ready and to the high school by 7AM. If you can spare an hour or so, please call the church office.



Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day Dt 34:1-12 Mt 21:1-22 Ps 150	2 Jer 1:1-19 Mt 21:23-46 Ps 118:22-24	3 Jer 3:6 -- 4:2 Mt 22:1-22 Ps 15	4 Jer 5:1-19 Mt 22:23-46 Ps 110	5 Jer 7:1-29 Mt 23:1-12 Ps 38:9-22	6 Jer 8:18 -- 9:12 Mt 23:13-39 Ps 118:25-29	7 Jer 11:1-23 Mt 24:1-28 Ps 121
8 24 th S. a. Pentecost Jer 20:1-18 Matt. 24:29-51 Ps 143	9 Jer 22:1-23 Matt. 25:1-13 Ps 147:1-11	10 Jer 23:1-20 Matt. 25:14-30 Ps 24	11 Jer 23:21-40 Matt. 25:31-46 Ps 143:1-10	12 Jer 25:1-18 Mt 26:1-19 Ps 137	13 Jer 26:1-19 Mt 26:20-35 Ps 116:12-19	14 Jer 29:1-19 Mt 26:36-56 Ps 53
15 25 th S. a. Pentecost Jer 30:1-24 Matt. 26:57-75 Ps 51:10-19	16 Jer 31:1-17, 23-34 Mt 27:1-10 Ps 54	17 Jer 33:1-22 Mt 27:11-32 Ps 148:1-6	18 Jer 37:1-21 Mt 27:33-56 Ps 22:12-26	19 Jer 38:1-28 Mt 27:57-66 Ps 20	20 Dn 1:1-21 Mt 28:1-20 Ps 118:19-29	21 Dn 2:1-23 Rv 18:1-24 Ps 114
22 Last S. of the Church Year Dn 2:24-49 Rv 19:1-21 Ps 111	23 Dn 3:1-30 Rv 20:1-15 Ps 39:4-12	24 Dn 4:1-37 Rv 21:1-8 Ps 41:7-12	25 Dn 5:1-30 Rv 21:9-27 Ps 48:9-14	26 Dn 6:1-28 Rv 22:1-21 Ps 75	27 Advent Season Is 1:1-28 1 Pt 1:1-12 Ps 66:6-19	28 Is 2:1-22 1 Pt 1:13-25 Ps 102:13-17
29 1 st S. in Advent Is 5:1-25 1 Pt 2:1-12 Ps 34:11-18	30 Is 6:1-- 7:9 1 Pt 2:13-25 Ps 123:1-4		November 2015 – Revelation - Daily Lectionary LSB pp. 299-304	Notes from: Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary Mark Brighton, pp. 251, 261, 269, cph, 2012.		

Rv 21:1-8 in Devotion: The climax of this book and indeed all of history at last comes clear: the restored heaven and earth is presented to God's resurrected people. Such a magnificent future and hope calls us to rise above the ugliness and sin of this fallen world, because impenitence and a lack of vigilance can still lead to the shipwreck of our souls. At the same time, God is faithful, and so will unfailingly fulfill the purposes for which His Son became man; He will remove the curse that so sorely afflicts us.

Rv 22:1-5 in Devotion: John describes our life in heaven as having no hunger, darkness, loneliness, or pain, but rather eternal joy in the presence of the one true God. How, then, can so many people fail to see the blessedness Jesus has laid out for us along the straight and narrow way that shortly leads to unceasing bliss? In many cases, the answer is simply that people do not appreciate the greatness of God's grace and the magnificence of the glory that awaits the faithful. Inspired by God's Word and preserved by His Spirit, however, we may already rejoice with those who have gone before us.

Rv 22:6-21 in Devotion: Because John's message is about the ultimate triumph of good over evil, it is always relevant, and all the more as the world slides further into chaos and corruption. On one level, Revelation powerfully confirms what we already fear, i.e., our world and everyone in it is doomed. More profoundly, however, this book is about transcendent hope. It shows how infinitely greater God is than evil. By offering a vision of the new creation soon to be revealed, Revelation draws us on toward our blessed hope in Christ. To Him be power and glory throughout the ages!

Prayer: Blessed Redeemer, help us to keep these holy words and thereby conquer sin, death, and the devil. May we, along with Your whole Church on earth and heaven, continue praying with full confidence and a joyful expectation, "Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!" Amen.



Soup Suppers, Messenger Mailing News, Misc.

Soup Suppers

Like everything else, Advent is just around the corner, and along with that are Advent Soup Suppers! The St. Paul Youth will again be hosting the suppers and would appreciate any donations you can give. Proceeds are divided among the youth working and the General Youth Account for future youth events. A portion will also go to the St. Paul General Fund.

Items Needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Rolls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cucumbers | <input type="checkbox"/> Butter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salad Dressing | <input type="checkbox"/> Nacho Cheese Doritos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Taco Meat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Plates | <input type="checkbox"/> Desserts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins | <input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Cups | <input type="checkbox"/> Croutons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Spoons & Forks | <input type="checkbox"/> Shredded Cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monetary Donations | <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon Bits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Crockpots of Soup | |
- Please list kind of soup



Yes! I would love to help and will donate the items marked above on:

Dec. 2nd _____
Dec. 9th _____
Dec. 16th _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Thank you in advance for your donation!
Please return form to the church or school office by Fri., Nov. 20th.
If questions, please call the church office.

Supplemented by Thrivent Financial.
Every day, life presents opportunities to help someone in need.
Dare to be generous.

Church Extension Fund

Congratulations! You've accepted a new job with exciting challenges. You may have taken a position with a new company, decided to branch out on your own, or made the choice to become a stay-at-home parent. While you transition into this new position, there will be decisions to make regarding how best to preserve your retirement savings.

Church Extension Fund offers both traditional and Roth IRA's. CEF also accepts transfers or roll-overs from other plans.

More information and current interest rates are available by calling 800-242-3944 and at www.mi-cef.org.

Staff Gift

If you would like to show your appreciation for the St. Paul staff, please place your cash donation in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Fri., Dec. 11th. Please remember, this is not a tax deductible gift and will not be recorded on your giving statement.



In all things,
give
thanks
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Please Notice This



Messenger Mailings

Beginning in January we will no longer be mailing the Messenger to every household.

Copies will be available in the narthex and it can also be read online.

If you would still prefer to have one mailed to you, you will need to call the church office and we will gladly mail one to you.
If you have any questions, please call the office at 871-4581.

November Schedule

Acolytes

1	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
1	11AM		Zac Maas & Duane
7	7:30PM		Ethan Hoard & Evan
8	8:30AM		Asher Petzold & Jeremy
8	11AM		Jack Shreve & Gary
14	7:30PM		Conner MacKay
15	8:30AM		Dustin & Sydney Bishop
15	11AM		Jenna Smith
21	7:30PM		Zac Yorke & Jeff
22	8:30AM		Joshua Allen & Justin
22	11AM		Josh Blue & Timmy David
26	10AM	Thanks.	Pierce & Sterling Force
28	7:30PM		Christian Kennedy & Eric
29	8:30AM		Keagan Butterfield
29	11AM		Abby Brown & Tim

Greeters

Satur-
7:30PM
Shelli

day
Lugg

First

First Sunday 8:30AM
 11:00AM Shirley Petzold,
 Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims

Second Saturday 7:30PM
Second Sunday 8:30AM
 11:00AM Betty Bleuer
 Ken & Kathy Ill
 LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel

Third Saturday 7:30PM
Third Sunday 8:30AM
 11:00AM Laura Sherman
 Natalie Smith
 Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin

Fourth Sunday 8:30AM
 11:00AM Heather & Jason Jones

Fifth Sunday 8:30AM
 11:00AM

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

Team A

Feb., May, Aug., Nov.

8:30AM Service

Captain – Phil Gordon
Assistant – Ron Johnson
Wanda Johnson
James Kribs
James Petzold
Larry Petzold
Peter Shollack
Chris Smith
Gerry Smith
Gerry Smith II
Jason Smith
Andrew Weber

11AM Service

Captain – Dick Gross
Assistant – Arnold Petzold
Russ Hayden
Gary Hecht
Derrick (Kip) Keinath
Seth Keinath
Tom Keinath
Phil Petzold
Mathew Slough

7:30PM Service

Captain – Brian Glady
Mason Lugg
Dale Peche

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

Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up
7:30PM - Shelli Lugg
8:30AM - Pam Ill
11AM - Bonnie Wittum

LEAP News, Finance Report, Misc.

LEAP Takes An Important Organizational Step

The Lutheran Education Advancement Plan (LEAP) implementation team make significant organizational improvements with the adoption of a constitution and by-laws forming the LEAP Alliance. This is a critical development as LEAP takes on more complex challenges. The Alliance constitution and by-laws were written with the expectation that LEAP will ultimately become a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. They were also written with the anticipation the LEAP will continue to use task forces to complete much of its work. Copies of the LEAP Alliance constitution and by-laws are available from LEAP congregational representatives or by contacting LEAP strategic implementation team chairperson Bill Hoeseman.

One area in which the opportunity for collaboration among ministries is Information Technology (IT). A recent survey revealed several opportunities for partnerships as approximately 40% of LEAP ministries "outsource" their IT support. Another 40% rely on volunteers some of whom are seeking a place to share ideas and seek advice. Both circumstances present LEAP with the opportunity to strengthen our ministries.

One task force is in the early stages of exploring the possibility of "growing" MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) programs which have a great deal of success in several LEAP ministries. Although MOPS is not directly related to Lutheran schools, they offer young families support and spiritual nurturing - a purpose very consistent with Lutheran schools.

As LEAP transitions to a new organizational model, it is an important time to reassess its progress and future. To that end, David Near, the consultant who led the original study resulting in LEAP, has been contracted to facilitate this important "next step" discussion. His work coupled with the new organizational model will build LEAP's capacity to address more complex issues.

Regardless the organizational model LEAP's vision will remain steady - "To advance Lutheran education for future generations across the Great Lakes Bay Region."

Our school theme this year is "**Gratitude**" based on Colossians 2:6-7.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.



Wanted: Members of St. Paul to volunteer and pray for the children/staff/families enrolled at St. Paul Lutheran School.

Skills required: Willingness to pray.

Benefits: Blessings beyond understanding.

More information: Contact Amy Yorke at home 871-4976, cell [989-213-4024](tel:989-213-4024), or by e-mail amyorke@umflint.edu.

Give Thanks
to the Lord,
for He is
good: His
love
Endures
forever.

Psalm 107:1



Monthly Financial Report for Congregation General Church Account for Month Ending 8/31/15

Carryover Deficit as of 7/31/15		(\$143,750.77)
August General Fund Income	\$83,770.63	
August General Fund Expenses	(\$76,526.29)	
+ / - for Month of August	\$7,244.34	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		(\$136,506.43)
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2015/2016 through 8/31/15:		\$20,507.75
August Monthly Giving:		
Building Fund (Direct giving, Memorials, etc.)	\$14,458.50	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$ 1,556.01	
T.I.M. (Direct giving plus mission %)	\$ 958.37	
VLHS (Direct giving plus mission %)	\$ 273.82	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 <i>All Saints' Day</i> 8:30AM Worship +C - Jr. Bells 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School Adult Instruction Class 11AM Worship - Free Spirit 6-8PM H.S. Youth	2 7PM Handbells	3 9-11 AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30 PM AA	4 5:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council	5 6:15PM Praise Team	6 1/2 Day School 7AM St. Paul Hosts Breakfast Club at MHS	7 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 9AM-12PM Toys & Joys 7:30PM Worship +C
8 8:30AM Worship - Church Choir 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School Adult Instruction Class 11AM Worship +C - Church Choir 6PM Trustees 6-8PM HS Youth	9 1PM Popcorn Ball Making 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	10 9-11 AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 6:30 Board of Ed 7:30PM AA 7:30 Heroes	11 3-8PM Parent Teacher Conf. 6:53PM Choir	12 1/2 Day of school Kids Day at the Bazaar 1-8 PM Parent Teacher Conf. 6:15 Praise Team	13 No School <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	14 9AM-2PM Bazaar Cookie Walk 11AM-1:30PM Luncheon 7:30PM Worship
15 <i>tate</i> 8:30AM Worship +C - Can- 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School Adult Instruction Class Bazaar/Cookie Walk after services 11AM Worship - PS/K Choir 6-8 PM HS Youth	16 7PM Handbells	17 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 6PM Dorcas 7:30 PM AA	18 6:53PM Choir	19 6-7PM PTL 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Essential Oils 101	20	21 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 7:30PM Worship +C
22 <i>Choir</i> 8:30AM Worship - Men's 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School Adult Instruction Class 11AM Worship Contemporary +C 6-8PM HS Youth	23 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	24 9-11 AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30 PM AA	25 No School 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	26 10:00AM Thanksgiving Service +C <i>Church Choir/Handbells/Brass</i>	27	28 <i>Youth Service</i> 7:30PM Worship
29 <i>Youth Services</i> <i>Stewardship Presentation</i> 8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study/Sunday School Adult Instruction Class 11AM Worship Contemporary 3-8PM HS Youth-Decorate Trees	30 7PM Handbells					

All Saints / Worship for Shut-Ins

All Saints' Day

Richard Rohde
Jack Sutton
Norman Montle
Beverly Montle
Donna Estes
Karl (Jake) Titsworth
Donna Ames
Michael Reinert
Dale Petzold
Maria Frank
Ruth Elizabeth Mohr
Barbara Rude
Lenora Kay Schuler
Arno Keinath
Wilmer Bleuer
Laura Schwab
Ramona List



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"Worship for Shut-Ins"

November 1

"Blessed in Hard Times"
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8

"Once For All"
Hebrews 9:24-28

November 15

"Because of Jesus"
Mark 13:1-13

November 22

"Christ's Eternal Word"
Mark 13:24-31

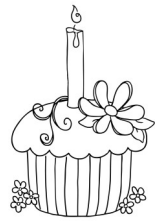
November 29

"Christmas Hope"
Luke 21:34-36

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blessed grateful
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November Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Kylie Gaval	11/1	Nathan Weber	11/10	John Clouse	11/20
Bradyn Henderson	11/1	Kevin Bastian	11/11	Bruce Edler	11/20
Mackenzie Ramsey	11/1	Donald Bierlein	11/11	Doris Gardner	11/20
David Reyna	11/1	Zachery Finatri	11/11	Gail Holmes	11/20
George Corrigan III	11/2	Nathan Bouck	11/12	Leon Kuberski	11/20
Tammy Weber	11/2	Myrna Clouse	11/12	Joyce Wager	11/20
Trisha Ferrier	11/3	Madeline Hanlin	11/12	Michael Yatsevich	11/20
Justin Meier	11/3	Mildred Maurer	11/12	Stephen Beckman	11/21
Ashley Morrow	11/3	Maggie Cobb	11/13	Jamie Fackler	11/21
Suzanne Husted	11/4	Janice Gordon	11/13	Benjamin Shreve	11/21
Dawn Meacham	11/4	Violet Hornfeld	11/13	Nathaniel Kern	11/22
Melissa Petzold	11/4	Diane Mills	11/13	Jenna Mason	11/22
Connor Erlenbeck	11/5	Randall Daenzer	11/14	Hailey Paquette	11/22
Grace Erlenbeck	11/5	Brandon Ehrmantraut	11/14	Christian Selich	11/22
Jillian Fackler	11/5	Evan Hoard	11/14	Sarah Stewart	11/22
Chastity Fall	11/5	Judith Koeltzow	11/14	Danny Detgen	11/23
Holly Petzold	11/5	Krystle Lorenz	11/14	Annabelle Hayden	11/23
Brett Bassett	11/6	Brian Rony	11/14	Sarah Jolly	11/23
Stefanie Compaore	11/6	Brandon Rude	11/14	Amanda Maschke	11/23
Charles Eilers	11/6	Amy Saeger	11/14	Carrie Ratza	11/23
Vicki Kabat	11/6	Austin Weber	11/14	Joel Smith	11/23
Hailey Ketels	11/6	David Williams	11/14	Laura Blue	11/24
Austin Koch	11/6	Shellie Cerasoli	11/15	Jacob Gorsuch	11/24
Robert Opperman	11/6	Michael Daenzer	11/15	Rodger Grulke	11/24
Robert Ramsey	11/6	David Derscha	11/15	Emily Hunt	11/24
Daniel Wood	11/6	Harland Goodhue	11/15	Lillie Keinath	11/24
Steven Adamic	11/7	Michael Griesing	11/15	Shawn Bouck	11/25
Randy Hutchinson	11/7	Rachel Higgins	11/15	Joshua Lux	11/25
Landon Petzold	11/7	Scott Koch	11/15	James MacKay	11/25
Royce Shamel	11/7	Kellie Reinert	11/15	Christopher Weakley	11/25
Michael Sherman	11/7	Ronda Sayyae	11/15	Jill Webster	11/25
Thomas Shufelt	11/7	Daniel Smith	11/15	Brooklynn Damm	11/26
Abigail Skouson	11/7	Debbie Ulrey	11/15	Jill Erlenbeck	11/26
Tricia Borcharding	11/8	Aurelia Wilson	11/15	Harry Keipinger	11/26
Faith Damm	11/8	Joseph Bassett	11/16	Maddison Matthews	11/26
Ashleigh Devereaux	11/8	Ann Beckrow	11/16	Jason Stiers	11/26
Sharon Gross	11/8	Joshua Burns	11/16	Emma Zeck	11/26
Paul Keipinger	11/8	Douglas Davies	11/16	Kelly Lich	11/27
Peyton Schmandt	11/8	Justin Duranseau	11/16	Jeremy Love	11/27
Amanda Albert	11/9	Ilah Fall	11/16	Nicole Smith	11/27
Sherri Fall	11/9	James Henderson Sr.	11/16	Cory Stange	11/27
Becca Jacobs	11/9	James Kribs	11/16	Jackson Wooldridge	11/27
Lori Keinath	11/9	Caden Heike	11/17	Tracy Anderson	11/28
Monica Knapp	11/9	Justin Morel	11/17	Brittany Nelson	11/28
Zachary Maas	11/9	Brandon Shufelt	11/17	Tyler Auernhammer	11/29
Lester Miller	11/9	Kailee Fackler	11/18	Elishia Licavoli	11/29
Stephanie Carlyon	11/10	James Petzold	11/18	Riley Reed	11/29
Sandra Jones	11/10	Michael Soteropoulos	11/18	David Wiacek	11/29
Randy Keinath	11/10	Amanda Stohon	11/18	Earl Casto	11/30
Richard Milostan	11/10	Roger Wendt	11/18	Sharon Cunningham	11/30
Sean Pappenfuss	11/10	Brian White	11/18	Brandon Dormire	11/30
Kaydence Pashby	11/10	Easton Aguirre	11/19	Bernice Hinz	11/30
Ray Peche	11/10	David Hergenreder	11/19	Peyton Sheppard	11/30
Robin Rohn	11/10	Dylan Holmes	11/19	Keira Wiacek	11/30
Briana Schmandt	11/10	Conner MacKay	11/19		

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***God's Richest Blessings
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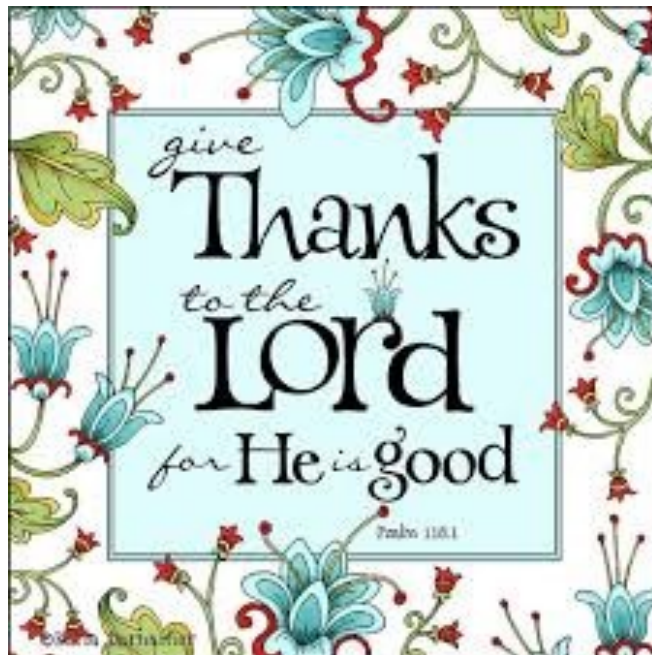
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Thankful





St. Paul Lutheran School November 2015

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Colossians 2:6-7

God has richly blessed us with another beautiful painting of His autumn creation with a gorgeous array of color all around us. During this month, we prepare for many special family events, let's set aside some time to really thank Him for what we have been blessed with and remember that He is ALWAYS with us along that pathway, giving us His mercy every day!

Important November Dates

Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time
Nov. 6	½ day of school, end of quarter; Theme shirt day
Nov. 8	Harvest Dinner
Nov. 12	Students shop Bazaar, ½ day of school
Nov. 11 & 12	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 13	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 19	P.T.L. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	Chapel
Nov. 25-29	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation



November Sports



We are thankful for a safe season for the girl's volleyball teams. Thank you to the players, coaches, parents and fans for your help and support throughout the season. Now we move into the basketball seasons. The girls start the play followed by the boy's game. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.

Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball

Nov. 6	with Christ the King, Sebewaing	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 7-8	St. Michael's Invitational, GIRLS ONLY	TBA
Nov. 13	with St. Michaels, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	with Immanuel -Trinity	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 21-22	St. Michael's Invitational, BOYS ONLY	TBA
Nov. 24	with St. Paul, Flint	4:30 p.m.



School Musical Opportunities



Nov. 1	Junior Bells	8:30 a.m.
	Free Spirit	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 15	Cantate Choir	8:30 a.m.
	Kindergarten/Pre School	11:00 a.m.

Happy Thanksgiving

See the school office for information about the many collection programs that we participate in throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul.