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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

January 2016

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



A Message from Pastor Abatelli

The sages saw a star, wondering what joy this star would bring. The wise men just humbly followed, wondering where this star would take them. It led them over hills, valleys, deserts, rivers, and other various rough terrains, yet the star never stopped leading them. That is until they thought they reached their destination. The star drifted off to Bethlehem where this joyful King would be, but even though they were wise they thought the King should be in Jerusalem. That is where the palace was, they thought. Even though they got side tracked they were wise none the less, they still sought after Him. That was their goal, their heart.

The wise men asked the King there, Herod, "Where is this new born king of the Jews? We followed His star when it rose, to worship Him."

Herod was disturbed and angry that this was the first time he heard of this. You could imagine hearing this prideful and unwise king wondering, "Would this Jewish king ever take me, Herod? Take my place as King? Take my place to rule? Never!" Jerusalem was disturbed too. For if the king was upset and angry, what would it mean for the rest of them? Would he punish them?

Herod called and asked the chief priests and teachers of the law where this child would be born. These men were wise too, they sought and researched God's Words. They found in Micah what was said about this Child.

*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of
Judah; for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.*

The sages were filled with joy to seek Him again. They could not wait to go seek Him again.

The unwise Herod devised in his heart a plan to remain king, and pretended to desire to seek Him. "Let me know when you find Him, so I can come and worship Him too." However, all that was in his heart was anger and a pride to remain in control. Then after that first step, this unwise king plotted the next part, to kill this new King.

The wise men, back on track, saw the star and followed. It stopped over where this Kingly child was staying in an unlikely place with His parents. When they found Him, they were filled with a joy that surpasses all understanding. They humbly laid out their gifts that were fit for a King, fell down

and worshiped Him. The King the wise men sought, they found Him! Little did the wise men know that this Child was the *Light to the Gentiles* that God's *salvation may reach to the ends of the earth* Is. 49:6. Little did they know that their presence was a sign to show that this Child would make them, and all men and women on earth one people. God's People. Saving all and making all wise as we look and seek Him.

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Do we get side tracked from seeking Him? Does our anger, pride, what we think get in the way? At times they do side track us from seeking Him. That is when His Word points us back to seeking Him, like when the chief priest read from Micah for the sages. For in His words we find what this Child Jesus was to do and did. As the creed says, He

*suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.*

On the third day He rose again...

What joy this is to hear! What joy He came to bring! What joy to know He forgives! What joy it is to seek Him!

-Pastor Abatelli

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday 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.”

New Bible Study for Families beginning January 3rd – “The Parables of Jesus.” Who doesn’t love a good story? Jesus was the greatest story teller the world has ever known. He knew His audience and what they needed to hear. Jesus’ stories changed lives on the day He first told them and they continue to have that same power. Make the time, take the opportunity to listen to Him speak to your heart through His parables.

These parables and this class are for all age levels and are quite short. Please take the time to read them before coming to class; however, if you forget to do that, please still come. Schedules are available in the office. Also, please bring your Bibles to class with you. If you do not have a Bible which you can easily understand, please let us know and we would be delighted to provide you with a Bible. The versions of the Bible we will be using most often are NIV (New International Version) and ESV (English Standard Version – Lutheran Study Bible.) You may also want to bring a notebook and pen for taking notes or recording your thoughts.

Our prayer is that this course will be an opportunity for you to grow in your knowledge of God’s Word, your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, your understanding of and love for those with whom you will be learning.

This ten week course will begin Jan. 3rd and conclude on March 6th. We will meet between services (9:45-10:45AM) in the Projects Room. Your leaders, Mr. Paul Schoenknecht and Mrs. Elaine Bickel will also be praying for you on a regular basis. You are always welcome and encouraged to share any of your prayer concerns with them.

Other Bible Studies

Daily Lectionary

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

Heroes Men’s Bible Study

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

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study

Sat., January 2nd at 7:30AM in the school library.
Coffee and goodies provided.

Scripture Readings

January 3rd

I Kings 3:4-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

January 10th

Isaiah 43:1-7
Romans 6:1-11
Luke 3:15-22

January 17th

Isaiah 62:1-5
I Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 24th

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
I Corinthians 12:12-31
Luke 4:16-30

January 31st

Jeremiah 1:4-19
I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
Luke 4:31-44

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.*

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

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 and Thursdays at 6:15PM in the Library.

AA Meetings

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

Scrapbooking

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

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!

Sunday, January 10th

**Adult Confirmation and
New Board Member Installation**
in the 8:30AM service.

New Member Welcome

between services in the Parish Hall.
Please come and welcome our newest members.
Coffee and goodies provided!

Christian Caregiving - A Way of Life

Are you caring for elderly parents? Has your best friend just lost his job? Are your adult children having marital issues? Is your sibling struggling with financial problems? At a loss as to how to show your love and concern? Then here is an opportunity to learn how to give distinctively Christian caregiving to these precious people in your life. **THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED** to join the Stephen Ministers as they continue their in-depth study of the book "*Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life*," by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, founder of the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry. We will be meeting Mon., Jan. 11th at 7pm, in the 5th grade classroom. The session will last for no more than 1 hour. We will be making our way through this book on the second Monday of each month (Feb. 8th, Mar. 14th, Apr. 11th, May 9th). If you have any questions, please call Paul Schoenknecht at 989/871-2280.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline

Friday, January 15th

Annual Fish Fry

Save the Date! Something new this year - the **Annual Fish Fry** will be on Friday, January 29th. Sit down dinner from 4-7PM, take outs available from 11AM-7PM. More details will be available soon.

High School Youth Nights

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

Mark Your Calendar:

Winter Jam is Sun., Jan. 31st
Please let us know if interested in going
so we can plan for enough drivers.

Area News

All You Can Eat Cod Fri., Jan. 8th from 11-2 and 4-7 at St. Martin Lutheran Church. Adults: \$10, 5-12: \$7, Under 5: Free.

17th Annual Wellspring Lutheran Services Faces of Hope Benefit Dinner Wed., Jan. 13th at Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth. Reception begins at 5:30PM followed by a buffet dinner. Tickets are \$35 per person. RSVP by Jan. 6th at foundation@wellspringlutheran.com or call 989-262-7496.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Memorial Service Jan. 17th at 3PM in front of the Caro Courthouse. Speaker: Dan Grimshaw.

VLHS Auction Approaching! Putting on the Ritz is the theme for the 13th Annual **VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction** Sat., Feb. 27th at Apple Mountain Conference Center. The past twelve auctions have netted over half a million dollars which has been applied to various school improvements. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, etc.) There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Click on our auction link www.vlhsauction.com for more information and check out our often-updated list of items. For further information or questions, call Valley Lutheran 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 kaulfarm@airadv.net, or Karrie Gatza 989-415-6776 Karriekookies@aol.com.

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary LSB pp. 299-304 January 2016	LSB 401:4 - Abide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of darkness chase away; Your work of healing, Lord, begin, And take away the stain of sin.				1 Circumcision of Jesus Is 61:1-11 Lk 1:57-80 Ps 113:1-9	2 Is 62:1-12 Lk 2:1-20 Ps 62:5-8, 11-12
3 rd S. a. Christmas Is 63:1-14 Lk 2:21-40 Ps 108:1-6, 12-13	4 Is 63:15 -- 65:2 Lk 2:41-52 Ps 40:6-10	5 Is 65:8-25 Lk 3:1-20 Ps 37:34-80	6 Epiphany of Our Lord Is 66:1-20 Lk 3:21-38 Ps 45:1-7	7 Ezk 1:1-14, 22-28 Rm 1:1-17 Ps 46:4-6, 8-11	8 Ezk 2:1 -- 3:11 Rm 1:18-32 Ps 19:1-6, 9-11, 14	9 Ezk 3:12-27 Rm 2:1-16 Ps 62:5-12
10 Baptism of Our Lord Ezk 18:1-4, 19-32 Rm 2:17-29 Ps 85:1-4, 7-8, 10-13	11 Ezk 33:1-20 Rm 3:1-18 Ps 7:1-5, 8-11	12 Ezk 34:1-24 Rm 3:19-31 Ps 63:3-11	13 Ezk 36:13-28 Rm 4:1-25 Ps 32:1-7	14 Ezk 36:33 -- 37:14 Rm 5:1-21 Ps 104:27-30	15 Ezk 37:15-28 Rm 6:1-23 Ps 29:1-4a, 8-11	16 Ezk 38:1-23 Rm 7:1-20 Ps 36:1-6, 10
17 th S. a. Epiphany Ezk 39:1-10, 17-29 Rm 7:21 -- 8:17 Ps 76:1-3, 6-9, 11-12	18 Ezk 40:1-4; 43:1-12 Rm 8:18-39 Ps 44:1-3, 9-10, 20-23a, 26	19 Ezk 44:1-16, 23-29 Rm 9:1-18 Ps 15:1-5	20 Ezk 47:1-14, 21-23 Rm 9:19-33 Ps 117:1-2	21 Joel 1:1-20 Rm 10:1-21 Ps 20:1-9	22 Joel 2:1-17 Rm 11:1-24 Ps 69:19-23, 32-33	23 Joel 2:18-32 Rm 11:25 -- 12:13 Ps 139:1-6, 12-14
24 th S. a. Epiphany Joel 3:1-21 Rm 12:14 -- 13:14 Ps 131:1-3	25 Zec 1:1-21 Rm 14:1-23 Ps 6:4-10	26 Zec 2:1 -- 3:10 Rm 15:1-13 Ps 18:46-50	27 Zec 4:1 -- 5:11 Rm 15:14-33 Ps 1:1-6	28 Zec 6:1 -- 7:14 Rm 16:17-27 Ps 12	29 Zec 8:1-23 2 Tm 1:1-18 Ps 107:1-9	30 Zec 9:1-17 2 Tm 2:1-26 Ps 33:18-22
31 st S. a. Epiphany Zec 10:1 -- 11:3 2 Tm 3:1-17 Ps 135:1-7, 13-14						
Notes from: <u>Lutheran Bible Companion</u> , Volume 2, cph 2014. Romans: p. 422-423 – Literary Features/Genre						

Romans: Literary Features/Genre --- Much of the Letter to the Romans reads like a doctrinal treatise. Some scholars have seen a problem in the fact that the treatment of the Gospel in the letter is of such unparalleled breadth and depth. Why should just this letter, written merely to *prepare* for a visit to Rome and work in the West, deal so searchingly and so comprehensively with the Gospel? The answer is not far to seek. Everything that we know of Paul's missionary preaching and his missionary methods (e.g., his practice of revisiting already established churches and his continued contact with them by letter and by means of personal emissaries) makes it clear that he did not aim at creating a vague, emotional, and enthusiastic movement but rather the firmly rooted, grounded, and established Church of God, in which the Word of Christ dwelt richly. What he sought therefore in a church that was to be his base in the West was a full and complete understanding of the Gospel and a common obedience to the Gospel. At his former base in the East, this common understanding was something he could presuppose and rely on. Antioch had been deeply influenced by Barnabas, and Paul himself had preached and taught at Antioch for a full year before the Holy Spirit sent him forth from Antioch (Ac 11:26). What a year's ministry had accomplished in the East, a single letter had to accomplish in the West. That letter had of necessity to be a full and rich one. -- Another unique feature of Romans is the nature of its sentences. Fully one-fourth of the sentences in the Greek text are questions. In other words, Paul composed Romans as a doctrinal and practical catechism for which the balance of the letter provides his answers and text drawn from the Old Testament.

Special Thanks / Misc.

Dear Family of God,

I want to **thank** everyone who shared their love and support to my family, as well as to other servants at St. Paul Lutheran, during the Christmas season. My family truly appreciated the various cards and gifts. We received them directly from many of you, while others chose to share them as a combined gift. However you showed your kindness toward us, we thank you.

Christmas is a reminder of why we share love with others. Christmas is when your Savior and mine came to visit us. In a short time, we will be observing what He came to accomplish. Because we are unable to help ourselves, Good Friday and Easter are how Jesus Christ proved that He is our Savior. I want to remind you that God's gift of love, hope, peace, and joy is for you, my dear family in Christ.

Today, especially, I am writing to remind you that you matter to God. You are the reason Jesus was born. The overall theme of the Bible is how God showed His love for us in Christ, because we are incapable of fixing our deepest problems. I pray that in good times and bad you will open the Book from God that reveals His love for you individually. Because He kept His promise to send a Savior, we can be confident that He will keep His promise to be here for us now. "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" (Rom. 8:31b-32).

As your Pastor, I will always be concerned about your relationship to Christ our Lord. I am here to serve you. In times of joy and pain, I will do whatever I can for you. When I am not able to do it all, I will surely direct us to the One who can.

Because you matter to God, you matter to me.

In love, hope, peace and joy,
Pastor James Bruner

**Look for
something
positive
in each day,
even if some days
you have to look
a little harder.**

Special Thanks!

Thank you to all the board members who have finished their terms and to all the new board members. Your dedication is appreciated!

Thank you to all churches and people associated in any way with our fruit sale fundraiser. Our appreciation goes out to all buyers, sellers, distributors and helpers for your cooperation and support. Money raised will help support music, drama, athletics and many other activities at Valley Lutheran High School. Through your support and the student body, we are fortunate and thankful to have met our goal. The total boxes sold for 2015 were 640 which equals 19,000 pounds of fruit. -Valley Lutheran

I would like to **thank** everyone that helped to make this year's Giving Tree a success! We were able to make Christmas a whole lot brighter for 21 families, including 71 children.

So, whether you brought in a gift, donated money or wrapping paper, helped shop, wrap the presents, or maybe just prayed with us. . . **"Thank You!"**

May God bless you richly in 2016!

Jan McKee - Board of Social Concerns



Photo Directory

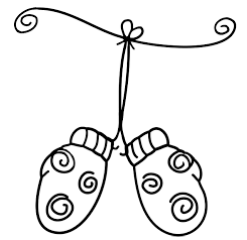
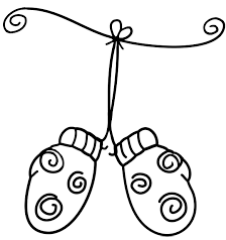
New dates added for the photo directory! We have added January 8th & 9th as extra days to sign up to have your picture taken. There are about 21 spots available, so sign up soon in the narthex before or after services or go online Monday through Friday at www.ucdir.com. Use Church #: mi817, Password: stpaul. If questions, please call Wanda Johnson 871-3962.

Flower Chart

The 2016 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. Please add your name, phone number and if center or side vases.

Messenger Sponsors

Messenger Sponsors are needed for 2016. The cost has been reduced to \$75.00 to cover printing and postage. Please call the church office to sponsor a month.



January Schedule

Acolytes

3	8:30AM		Joshua & Justin Allen
3	11AM		Brandon & Mark Rude
9	7:30PM		Conner MacKay
10	8:30AM		Danielle & Matt Ayotte
10	11AM		Alden & Jay Rodammer
16	7:30PM		
17	8:30AM		Kirsten Skousen
17	11AM		
23	7:30PM		Zac & Jeff Yorke
24	8:30AM		Ethan & Emma Hoard
24	11AM		
30	7:30PM		
31	8:30AM		
31	11AM		Paige & Matt Ayotte

**As are acolyte at one

shown above, there many services with no scheduled. If you are of the services and

are able to help, please let the sexton know ahead of time. You can also call the church office and fill in for any of the open spots throughout the year. Your help is appreciated. Thank you!

Greeters

First Saturday	7:30PM	Shelli Lugg
First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold
	11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Betty Bleuer
Second Sunday	8:30AM	Ken & Kathy Ill
	11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel
Third Saturday	7:30PM	Laura Sherman
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Keith & Heidi Woolwine
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Heather & Jason Jones
	11:00AM	
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)
	11:00AM	

Ushers Team C

8:30AM Service

Captain – Glenn Brown
 Ricks Anderson
 Alex Kern
 Mike Kern
 Nate Kern
 Tim Kern
 Ron Schiefer
 Matt Singer
 Bob Wager
 Bill Weber
 Duane Weber
 Katherine Weber
 Ed White

11AM Service

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

7:30PM Service

Captain – Jeffrey Yorke
 Chad Fackler
 Marc Keinath

Church Sextons Mathew & Angela Ayotte
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

Ted & Katrina Wager
 Ed & Marcia Keinath

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up
 7:30PM -
 8:30AM - Lisa Rodammer
 11AM - Sheila Peche

Memorials, Finance Report

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR and MEMORY OF Arno Keinath
Seminarian Fund \$3800.00

IN MEMORY OF Laura Schwab
Praise Team \$90.00
General Fund \$240.00
St. Paul Lutheran School \$50.00
Church Service Tape Ministry \$20.00
To Be Designated by Family \$590.00

IN MEMORY OF Mona List
General Fund \$655.00
Building Fund \$100.00
Stephens Ministry \$130.00
Kindergarten/Pre-School Equipment \$150.00
Novels 7th & 8th Grades \$200.00
Accelerated Reader Program \$50.00

THANK OFFERING TO GOD for safety during the storm
and for everyone who helped with after storm cleanup
General Fund \$250.00

IN MEMORY OF Wally Hahn
General Fund \$20.00

Good News!

A bequest in the amount of **\$83,225.39** was made to the congregation from the estate of Mrs. Evelyn Gregory, who was called home to heaven on January 24, 2013. As she made no directive for the bequest, the Voters' Assembly has voted to put the money into the General Fund.

What is Thrivent Choice?

The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funding to causes important to them. The program has two components – Choice Dollars® and Thrivent Choice Voting® Events – which result in the distribution of several million dollars of grant funds to causes that members like you care about most. If you qualify, **your Choice Dollars can be directed every quarter, or once a year.** If you haven't directed your dollars for 2015, please call Thrivent or go online to www.thrivent.com by March 31, 2016.

Pledge Drive

Thank you to all who participated in the pledge drive. Approximately **180 pledges** have been received for the pledge drive. A financial report of pledges will be given after the first of the year.

Monthly Financial Report for Congregation General Church Account for Month Ending 10/31 & 11/30 - Tentative

Carryover Deficit as of 9/30/15		(\$147,817.00)
October General Fund Income	\$78,887.80	
October General Fund Expenses	(\$93,973.64)	
+ / - for Month of October	(\$15,085.84)	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		<u>(\$160,902.84)</u>
Carryover Deficit as of 10/31/15		(\$160,902.84)
November General Fund Income	\$85,646.58	
November General Fund Expenses	(\$90,437.90)	
+ / - for Month of November	(\$4,791.32)	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		<u>(\$165,694.16)</u>
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2015/2016 through 11/30/15 :		(\$8,679.98)
November Monthly Giving:		
Building Fund (Direct giving, Memorials, etc.)	\$15,998.00	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$ 1,783.84	
T.I.M. (Direct giving plus mission %)	\$ 1,066.44	
VLHS (Direct giving plus mission %)	\$ 334.70	



Serve & Volunteer / Worship for Shut-Ins / Misc.

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer



Jr. Youth

We would love to see the **Jr. Youth Program** up and running again, but we are in need of a few adults to supervise/oversee the 6th – 8th graders in activities, games, snacks, etc. every other month or more if able. The Bible Study will be taken care of and we will help with the planning. If you have a passion in this area, or have ideas waiting to be shared, please call the church office and we will give you more details.

Auction

The **auction** planned by the Ad Hoc Auction Committee will be here before we know it. We are still in need of many volunteers to help make this a success. Please allow God to use your talents to help with the auction. Visit the St. Paul website at stpaul-millington.org/auction and go to the bottom of the page to click on the Committee Volunteer list to see where you could fit in to the plan. Contact Steve Kern at 871-4185 or the first person listed on the committee you would like to join. Together, let's tackle this deficit.

January Meetings

Dorcas Planning

Wed., Jan. 6th at 2:30PM

Council

Wed., Jan. 6th at 7:30PM

Evangelism

Thurs., Jan. 7th at 7:30PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Jan. 11th & 25th at 7PM

Elders

Wed., Jan. 27th at 7:30PM

Attention All Boards

Please give the church office a current list of your 2016 board members and chairmen and also your monthly meeting dates to be put on the calendar. Thank you!

Building Use

Please remember – if you use the Parish Hall, Activity Center, or any room for an event, practice, or meeting, check to be sure all doors are locked and lights and electronics turned off before leaving the building.



Luther-

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istries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

January 3rd

"Your Grace Realities" - Ephesians 1:7-9a

January 10th

"One Hand Washes the Other" - Luke 3:15-22

January 17th

"Confidence in Christ" - John 2:1-11

January 24th

"The Christ, For You" - Luke 4:16-21

January 31st

"With Authority and Power" - Luke 4:31-44

GrantParents

are individuals who provide financial assistance to students at St. Paul Lutheran Millington. This assistance often makes the difference between children receiving a Christian education at St. Paul Lutheran or parents having to seek other educational options. If interested in becoming a GrantParent, please contact Brian Titsworth at (989) 871-4581.

Phone Number Changes

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

Valley Lutheran High School 1st Quarter Honor Roll

3.7 +

Aaron Singer
Timothy Singer
Tyler Bentley
Pierce Force
Sterling Force
Katherine Weber

3.25-3.69

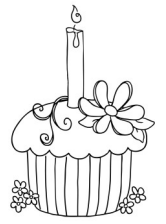
Bethany Daenzer
Justin Allen
ReAnna Hecht

Great Job!!





January Birthdays in our St. Paul Family

















David Daniel	1/1	Kody Steepe	1/10	Jordan Watchpocket	1/19	Lon Coleman	1/28
Charles Haley	1/1	Marcus H. Jensen Jr.	1/11	Ronald White	1/19	Karen Dumler	1/28
Mark Reinertson	1/1	Cheyenne St. Onge	1/11	Gary Woelzlein	1/19	Dorothy Schreiber	1/28
Marie Saeger	1/1	Benjamin Wittum	1/11	Montgomery Carlyon	1/20	Martin Snover	1/28
Kirsten Skouson	1/1	Shelley Coon	1/12	Joy Cassidy	1/20	Dustin Griesing	1/29
Sonny Bishop	1/2	Philip Erickson	1/12	Richard Gladly	1/20	Brittany Hunt	1/29
Tyler Hibbard	1/2	Richard Gross	1/12	Shayla Heike	1/20	Kyrian Thomason	1/29
Mark Raymond	1/2	Shelly Holmes	1/12	Thomas Meeks	1/20	Michael White	1/29
Kaiden Rueckert	1/2	Roger Keinath	1/12	Heather O'Hearn	1/20	Lynn Borchering	1/30
Dawn Rueger	1/2	Zachary Mills	1/12	Zoey Paquette	1/20	Ricky Horning	1/30
Joshua Schuler	1/2	Wyatt Reinert	1/12	Dana Schember	1/20	Ellen Reinertson	1/30
Nicholas Tolbert	1/2	Morgan Rosebush	1/12	Kylie Snyder	1/20	Chelsea Torrey	1/30
Cathy Beagle	1/3	Lana Schultz	1/12	Anthony Wagner	1/20	Judith Warner	1/30
Tyler Bentley	1/3	Russell Sherman	1/12	Heidi Woolwine	1/20	Julie Weiss	1/30
Cathleen Bloor	1/3	Brandon Stevens	1/12	William Ackerman	1/21	Michael Ziegler	1/30
Carol Kammer	1/3	Shannon Wyman	1/12	Abigail Brown	1/21	Gary Balcom	1/31
Gailan Kester	1/3	Timothy Daenzer	1/13	Daniel DeOrnellas	1/21	Emily Petzold	1/31
Debra Nitz	1/3	Todd List	1/13	Shannon Huber	1/21	Sheryl Schiefer	1/31
Marlene Stratton	1/3	Toni Morel	1/13	Diane Maxson	1/21	Keven Washburn	1/31
Shelly Cobb	1/4	Jillian Muehlenbeck	1/14	Christopher Smith	1/21		
Lela Higgins	1/4	Kevin Whaley	1/14	Christopher Washburn	1/21		
Alexander Keinath	1/4	Joshua Blue	1/15	Nicholas Gunter	1/22		
Janice Schiefer	1/4	Gerald Keinath	1/15	Philip Morrow	1/22		
James Wood	1/4	Steven Kennard	1/15	Luke Petzold	1/22		
Keith Frasier	1/5	Gabrielle Sergent	1/15	Keith Brown II	1/23		
Dwayne Rose	1/5	Grace Brown	1/16	Nicholas Corrigan	1/23		
Carol Schwab	1/5	Logan Curtis	1/16	Michael Derscha	1/23		
Andrew Selich	1/5	Alan Draper	1/16	Kenneth Gorsuch	1/23		
Elizabeth Coleman	1/6	David Engelhart	1/16	Cory Hunt	1/23		
Sheri Erlenbeck	1/6	Nicole Jaruzel	1/16	Kyle Koch	1/23		
Cody Mason	1/6	Robert McClenathen	1/16	Leah Rader	1/23		
Willard Petzold	1/6	Kenneth Reinert	1/16	Jodie Reed	1/23		
Linda Rohde	1/6	LeeAnn Wagner	1/16	Aaron Schiefer	1/23		
Michael Sherman	1/6	Dustin Bishop	1/17	Patrick Hayden	1/24		
Eugene Ziegler	1/6	Samantha Bishop	1/17	RaeAnn Henderson	1/24		
Kenneth Cunningham	1/7	Sydney Bishop	1/17	Boyden McClenathen	1/24		
Jamie Curtis	1/7	Nicholas Cassidy	1/17	Kandace Milostan	1/24		
William Earl	1/7	Bill Garrett	1/17	Adam Schmidt	1/24		
Kathleen Hergenreder	1/7	Seth Keinath	1/17	Aaron Staple	1/24		
Chase Wiacek	1/7	Constance Daenzer	1/18	Amanda Stevens	1/24		
Blake Erlenbeck	1/8	Evan Damm	1/18	Courtney Derscha	1/25		
Lonnie Kester	1/8	Jason Damm	1/18	Amber Inman	1/25		
Tina White	1/8	Terri Keinath	1/18	Lorraine H. Petzold	1/25		
Lisa Aulbert	1/9	Mitch Loomis	1/18	Ron Petzold	1/25		
Phillip Gordon	1/9	Andrew Maschke	1/18	Donna Stange	1/25		
Brenda Keinath	1/9	Nancy Petzold	1/18	Fred Trinklein	1/25		
John Kowitz	1/9	Michael Schiefer	1/18	George Whittaker	1/25		
Bethany Reinert	1/9	Jeanette Smith	1/18	Ashley Wisenbach	1/25		
Penny Schoenknecht	1/9	Don Stange	1/18	James Brueggemann Sr.	1/26		
Mark Wyman	1/9	Richard Harpst	1/19	Airiell Esparza	1/26		
Jerrit Baker	1/10	Addyson Licavoli	1/19	Wilfred Schultz	1/26		
Sarah Burns	1/10	Susan Lyons	1/19	Joshua White	1/26		
Donna Mulka	1/10	Ciara Mason	1/19	David Kern	1/27		
William Rosebush	1/10	Gailan Reinert	1/19	Paul Petzold	1/27		
Lukas Selich	1/10	Theodore Wager	1/19	Brynnlee Watts	1/27		



*God's Richest Blessings
on Your Birthday!*

January 2016

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
** Notes ** 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School					1 New Year's Day	2 7:30AM Men's Bible Study No Evening Worship
3 Epiphany Observed  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM **See Notes**  11AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> 6-8PM HS Youth	4 7PM Handbells	5 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA	6 Epiphany 2:30PM Dorcas Planning Meeting 7:30PM Council	7 6:15PM Get Fit Praise Team 7:30PM Evangelism	8 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS	9 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking  7:30AM Worship+C
10  8:30AM Worship <i>Handbells</i> Adult Confirmation Installation of New Board Members 9:45AM **See Notes** New Member Welcome  11AM Worship+C <i>Handbells</i> 6-8PM HS Youth	11 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells	12 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8 Painting 7:30PM AA Heroes	13	14 6:15PM Get Fit Praise Team	15 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	16  7:30AM Worship
17  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Cherub Choir</i> 9:45AM **See Notes** Dorcas Tea  11AM Worship Contemporary 6-8PM HS Youth	18 <i>No School</i> 7PM Handbells	19 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA	20	21 6:15PM Get Fit Praise Team	22	23  7:30AM Worship+C
24  8:30AM Worship <i>Free Spirit</i> 9:45AM **See Notes**  11:00AM Worship+C Contemporary 6-8PM HS Youth	25 7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells	26 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA	27 7:30PM Elders	28 6:15PM Get Fit Praise Team	29 <i>½ Day School</i> 11AM-7PM Fish Fry Take Outs 4-7PM Sit Down Dinner	30 Youth Service  7:30AM Worship
31 Youth Service  8:30AM Worship 9:45AM **See Notes**  11:00AM Worship Contemporary 6-8PM HS Youth						



St. Paul Lutheran School

January 2016

Welcome to the year 2016! What a better way to start the brand new year than with our Lord and Savior! We begin our journey with hearts that are open and ready for God to lovingly lead us on His path through this year no matter what it holds for each of us.

The school, faculty and staff would like to thank everyone that showed us such love through the CHRISTmas season, as well as anyone that was able to assist us with this year's Children's Christmas services. You, your help and your prayers were definitely gifts to all of us.

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

Jan. 4	school resumes
Jan. 6	Epiphany
Jan. 8	Wear your school theme shirt
Jan. 18	No School ~ Great Lakes Bay Teacher Conference
Jan. 28	NO afternoon busses
Jan. 29	½ day of classes ~ end of the quarter, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.

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



School Musical Opportunities



Jan. 17	Cherub Choir	8:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	Free Spirit	8:30 a.m.

Spartan Sports Our basketball season for B-teams boys and girls finished last month. Congratulations to all the B-teams on seasons well played. Thank you to the coaches, fans and parents for all they did for these children. A-Team basketball starts this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



January

Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball



Jan.8	with St. Michael's, Richville	6:00 p.m
Jan. 12	at Christ the King, Sebewaing	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Trinity, Reese	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	with St. Paul, Lapeer	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Peace Tournament	TBA

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

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

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An illustration depicting the Epiphany scene. At the top left is a four-pointed star. Below it, the word "Epiphany" is written in a cursive font. In the center, there is a manger with a baby inside. To the right, three camels are walking along a path, carrying the Three Kings. The entire scene is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

**January 6th
Wise Men Still Seek Him!**