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# St. Paul Monthly Messenger

## February 2016

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

## *A Message from Pastor Bruner*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A boy once attended a Lutheran elementary school for only two years. This brief time assisted his parents in sharing the Word of God with him. As he entered high school, he continued to participate in the youth ministry of his church. The volunteer youth leaders helped shape this young man through many discussions about faith in Jesus Christ and serving others. When he graduated, he went to a public university, but still remained active in the Lutheran campus church by attending worship, Bible studies, fellowship events, as well as serving. **Each year, this young man grew in his faith because of the Word of God.** God and various Christians provided these various opportunities to be around God's Word. Eventually, he transferred for one final year at a Lutheran college and then seminary. Today, he believes God helps faith grow through the Word of God taught and modeled in church ministries and that Lutheran schools help amplify this relationship of faith. For years, he did not completely appreciate the time spent in a Lutheran elementary school and college. Today, his attitude is different and he is determined to provide others with the opportunity to attend a Lutheran school as soon and as long as possible. He believes that all levels of Lutheran education assist the church in teaching and modeling God's Word. He also wants the local church to assist individuals and families in their journey of faith as was his experience.

No matter what a person's age, St. Paul Lutheran Church is providing the same opportunity to grow spiritually through the Word of God. We accomplish this through our school, ministries to high school youth and adults, and additional support of Lutheran high schools, universities and seminaries. Sadly, we can take this all for granted. I hope we continue to see the value of what we are able to accomplish right here through the various efforts of every member of St. Paul Lutheran.

The Lutheran school I attended is now closed. Perhaps, people like me who attended did not continue to support it after benefiting from it. I now support our school, because I see it helping children learn about Jesus. God has blessed Karen and me with two daughters. They learn memory verses and songs about God, good values and morals based on Biblical teaching, and are blessed to have guidance from godly teachers and staff. Most of all, they are taught grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ alone. As they grow older, I am thankful they can grow in their faith through the Word of God provided here at St. Paul Lutheran.

Can you see how much we have been blessed, and that we are able to pass on many of these blessings to the next generation? Together we can make sure that St. Paul Lutheran continues to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is important, now more than ever, to unite our resolve to have St. Paul Lutheran provide the Word of God through our church and school ministry. A mother told me that because of what her children are receiving through our school she now wants them to go on to Valley Lutheran High School when the time comes. A young man who attended our school, was home over Christmas break. After his time at St. Paul, he went on to public high school and universities. He is now in a medical graduate school. He shared that he has been challenged in how he can share with patients his Christian beliefs on the morals and ethics of life. It is not easy, but this young man is determined to live his faith in Jesus and to share, when he is able, the lessons that he gained from being part of our Lutheran church and school.

WE ARE BLESSED and we can pass these blessings on to others. Whether you have children or not, whether you attended St. Paul Lutheran or not, every member of St. Paul Lutheran is a servant of God, saved by grace through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all.

***"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain"*** (1 Cor. 15:58).

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

Pastor Jim Bruner  
1 John 4:10-11

# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Bible Studies



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

**Bible Study** - Led by Pastor Bruner in the Library.

**"The Parables of Jesus"** - Led by Paul Schoenknecht & Elaine Bickel in the Projects Room. These parables and this class are for all age levels and are quite short. We will also be praying for you on a regular basis. You are always welcome and encouraged to share any of your prayer concerns with us.

### Other Bible Studies

#### Daily Lectionary

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

#### Men's Morning Bible Study

Sat., February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM in the Library. Join us the first Saturday of each month. Coffee & goodies provided!

#### Heroes Men's Bible Study

Led by Pastor Abatelli Tues., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Library.

## 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 meet Mon., Feb. 8th at 7pm, in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. We will be making our way through this book on the second Monday of each month (Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>). If you have any questions, please call Paul Schoenknecht at 989/871-2280.

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.*

## Scripture Readings

Feb. 7th Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Hebrews 3:1-6  
Luke 9:28-36

Feb. 14th Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

Feb. 21st Jeremiah 26:8-15  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

Feb. 28th Ezekiel 33:7-20  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

## Ash Wednesday

February 10th

Worship Services every Wednesday during Lent at 4 & 7PM.



## February Meetings

### Council

Wed., Feb. 3rd at 7:30PM

### Evangelism

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

### Stephen Ministry

Mon., Feb. 8th & 22nd at 7PM

### Board of Education

Tues., Feb. 9th at 6:30PM

### Dorcas

Tues., Feb. 16th at 6PM

### Elders

Wed., Feb. 24th at 8PM

## Musical Opportunities

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

### Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

### Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6PM

### 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.

## **Messenger/Calendar Deadline**

**Friday, February 12th**

### Scrapbooking

Sat., Feb. 13th 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](mailto:school.office@spmill.org).  
*SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME...JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!*

## High School Youth Nights

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

## Carnation Sale

The annual **Valentine Carnation Sale** is taking place again to help benefit our St. Paul School. Orders will be taken before school each morning Feb. 2-11. Deliveries of carnations will be Fri., Feb. 12. We will also be taking orders on Sat. & Sun., Feb. 6 & 7 before and after church services. The flowers will be available for pickup at school on Feb. 12 or at church services that weekend. The cost is \$1.50 each or \$15.00 per dozen. Questions? Call Joyce at 989-871-2995 and please leave a message if no answer.



## Blood Drive

**Michigan Blood Drive** Fri., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-

7PM



at St. Paul. Help save a life by signing up on the glass case in the narthex.

## Scrapbooking Fundraiser

**Scrapbooking Fun Day** Sat., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-9PM in the St. Paul Parish Hall. This 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MMA Crop is a fundraiser to support the Millington Ministerial Alliance, which is made up of 6 local churches who offer support to those in need of monetary help with evictions or shut off notices. The cost is \$35.00 and includes food, drinks and prizes. Please contact Jan McKee at 989-475-2091 to RSVP and send your registration fee to MMA c/o Jan McKee, 3836 Brown Rd., Millington, checks payable to MMA. Thank you!

## Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays through Lent  
beginning Feb. 12th  
3-7PM (Take Outs)

\$9.00 includes a 3 piece cod meal  
with choice of French fries or  
onion rings, cole slaw & roll.



Tables will be set up to stay and  
enjoy your hot meal and fellowship.  
Please use the Center St. Entrance.

All profits go to the St. Paul Building Fund.  
Funds supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

## Voters' Meeting

Sun., Feb. 14th at 1:30PM

## **DENIM & Diamonds**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**5PM-11:30PM**

AT FOUR OCCASIONS 5397 MILLINGTON RD.  
DINNER, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,  
UNIQUELY MADE ITEMS -LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

TICKET PRICES:

\$40.00 per person / \$75.00 per couple

Denim Table of 6 - \$220.00

Diamond Table of 8 - \$280.00

FOR MORE DETAILS



# Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2016 Daily Lectionary LSB pp. 299-304	<u>1</u> Zec 11:4-17 2 Tm 4:1-18 Ps 28:1-9	<u>2</u> Zec 12:1 -- 13:9 Ti 1:1 -- 2:6 Ps 75:1-10	<u>3</u> Zec 14:1-21 Ti 2:7 -- 3:15 Ps 47:1-9	<u>4</u> Jb 1:1-22 Jn 1:1-18 Ps 127:1-5	<u>5</u> Jb 2:1 -- 3:10 Jn 1:19-34 Ps 31:1-2, 23-24	<u>6</u> Jb 3:11-26 Jn 1:35-51
<u>7</u> Transfiguration of Our Lord Jb 4:1-21 Jn 2:1-12 Ps 4:1-8	<u>8</u> Jb 5:1-27 Jn 2:13-25 Ps 69:1-4, 8-9, 24, 29-30	<u>9</u> Jb 6:1-13 Jn 3:1-21 Ps 23:1-5	<u>10</u> Ash Wednesday Gn 1:1-19 Mk 1:1-13 Ps 136:1-9	<u>11</u> Gn 1:20 -- 2:3 Mk 1:14-28 Ps 8:1-6, 9	<u>12</u> Gn 2:4-25 Mk 1:29-45 Ps 9:1-8	<u>13</u> Gn 3:1-24 Mk 2:1-17 Ps 12:1-6
<u>14</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> S. in Lent Gn 4:1-26 Mk 2:18-28 Ps 79:5-9	<u>15</u> Gn 6:1 -- 7:5 Mk 3:1-19 Ps 2	<u>16</u> Gn 7:11 -- 8:12 Mk 3:20-35 Ps 104:1-9	<u>17</u> Gn 8:13 -- 9:17 Mk 4:1-20 Ps 74:10-17	<u>18</u> Gn 11:27 -- 12:20 Mk 4:21-41 Ps 107:23-32	<u>19</u> Gn 13:1-18 Mk 5:1-20 Ps 73:25-28	<u>20</u> Gn 15:1-21 Mk 5:21-43 Ps 32:1-5
<u>21</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> S. in Lent Gn 16:1-9, 15 -- 17:22 Mk 6:1-13 Ps 139:7-10	<u>22</u> Gn 18:1-15 Mk 6:14-34 Ps 91:9-16	<u>23</u> Gn 21:1-21 Mk 6:35-56 Ps 126	<u>24</u> Gn 22:1-19 Mk 7:1-23 Ps 66:8-15	<u>25</u> Gn 24:1-31 Mk 7:24-37 Ps 28:6-9	<u>26</u> Gn 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk 8:1-21 Ps 118:19-24	<u>27</u> Gn 27:1-29 Mk 8:22-38 Ps 2:7-9
<u>28</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> S. in Lent Gn 27:30-45; 28:10-22 Mk 9:1-13 Ps 129	<u>29</u> Gn 29:1-30 Mk 9:14-32 Ps 38:13-15, 21-22					

Notes from: Lutheran Bible Companion, Volume 1: Introduction and Old Testament, General Editor -Edward A. Engelbrecht, GENESIS: pp. 24-26, 32-33.

**DOCTRINAL CONTENT: Chs 1-3** God's first act, the creation, is an act of grace. God acts freely to reflect His character, making the world "very good" (1:31). He takes great care to place man and woman in the garden to care for the things that He created. Ch 2 is a more detailed account of creation, focusing on the creation of humankind. Ch 3 The serpent tempts Adam and Eve to sin. With the words that God speaks to the serpent, to Eve, and to Adam after their disobedience, he sets the course for the rest of biblical history. Here there is judgment for sin, but also the first hint that the effects of the fall will one day be undone when the serpent is crushed (3:15). **Chs 6-9** Seth's descendants increasingly participate in the evil that overwhelms God's creation, preferring their own inclinations toward beauty and power over God's clear will for their lives. God threatens judgment but also salvation for His chosen family. Faithful Noah and his family experience the greatest horror this earth has known, but the ark carries them up and away from the destruction and total devastation by the great flood. Noah demonstrates extraordinary patience and willingness to listen and obey God while confined in the ark for more than a year. God reassures Noah and his family that He will never again send a universal flood. The problem of sin reappears with Noah's sinful drunkenness, which results in tragic consequences for his family.

**Chs 12-19** God calls Abram to faith, giving him a promise that God Himself would fulfill for all people. Although God promises Abram that he will possess the land that God will give him, Abram still finds no secure place in which to dwell.

*Genesis and the Rest of the Bible:* The events in Genesis introduce the Book of Exodus, but they also provide the proper perspective for the entire OT as well as the New. Genesis emphasizes that salvation is by the promise of grace and not through the Law—and that the succeeding history of Israel recounts God in action to fulfill that promise. As such, Genesis controls the interpretation of the entire OT by writing across each page: Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (Gal 3:6; cf Gn 15:6).

## Special Thanks / Serve & Volunteer / Misc.

### *Special Thanks!*

We wish to **thank** our St. Paul family and friends for the many expressions of sympathy during the passing of our wife, mom and grandma from this life to her Eternal Home. **Thank you** for the many cards, food and memorials given in her name, along with your hugs and kind words spoken. A special thanks to Pastor Abatelli for his comforting words, the choir for their beautiful music sung, Roger & Lola Wendt, along with the ladies of the Dorcas, for their delicious meal. Also, special thanks to the Christian Care Committee for all the food provided at the funeral home. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten. –The Family of Edna Weiss

### Church Extension Fund

There are plenty of ways you can save for the future. One of the best is with an IRA from **Church Extension Fund**. You get financial peace, knowing you're investing wisely with tax advantages and competitive interest rates. And you find peace of mind knowing you're also investing in Missouri Synod Lutheran churches and schools across Michigan. Call 800-242-3944 about starting a CEF IRA – or find out how easy it is to roll over an existing account. You can also visit CEF online at [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org).

### 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!

### NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY AHERA

In December of 2013, we had St. Paul Lutheran Church and School reinspected for asbestos hazard by Digus Consultant Company. They are Environmental Protection Agency accredited and Michigan Department of Public Health licensed as inspectors and management planners. This reinspection was performed in compliance with AHERA-Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Although we do have some asbestos in our building, some response actions and periodic surveillance will help control possible hazard to our congregation, students, staff, parents or guardians, custodians, part-time workers, or contractors. This reinspection report will be included in the management plan and is available for your inspection by appointment only with Bill Weber, the Asbestos Program Manager for our church and school. Reinspection of these materials at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Millington, shall be conducted at least once every three years. Annual notification shall be issued and updated information shall be made available.

### 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.

### Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer



### Auction

St. Paul members can become part of the **deficit reduction auction** by donating new or like new items such as the following:

*\* Furniture \* Unique Dining Experiences \* Travel Experiences \* Sports Event Tickets \* Tools \* Quilts \* Hand Crafted Items \* Sports Memorabilia \* Home Décor \* Kitchen Appliances \* Games, Toys, Electronics \* Sports Equipment \* Gift Certificates \* Homemade Preserves \* Baked Goods \* Collectibles \* Antiques \* Vehicles \* Household Goods \* Theme Baskets \**

Please contact Jan Snyder at [auction@spsmill.org](mailto:auction@spsmill.org) or 871-4420. If the item is large, contact Jan to have the item picked up by our transportation committee. We are accepting donations now to prepare for the auction. Also, call Steve Kern at 871-4185 to volunteer to help with the auction. For more information, go to <http://www.stpaul-millington.org/auction.html>.

### Fundraiser Opportunity

As the high school youth will not be hosting the Lenten Soup Suppers this year, we have an open opportunity for a fundraiser. If any other board, group, or individual would like to take one or more of the Wednesdays and host a dinner (or if you have a new idea to try,) please call the church office.

### Health Kits

The Dorcas ladies are collecting the following items for **first aid kits**: 10 bottles of Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Midol, children's Ibuprofen, and children's Tylenol.



# February Schedule



## Acolytes

6	7:30PM		Zac & Jeff Yorke
7	8:30AM		Joshua & Justin Allen
7	11AM		Brandon & Mark Rude
10	4 & 7PM		
13	7:30PM		Conner MacKay
14	8:30AM		Paige & Matt Ayotte
14	11AM		Alden & Jay Rodammer
17	4 & 7PM	Lent	
20	7:30PM		
21	8:30AM		Kirsten Skouson
21	11AM		Christian Kennedy & Eric or Chris
24	4 & 7PM	Lent	
27	7:30PM		
28	8:30AM		Ethan & Emma Hoard
28	11AM		Danielle & Matt Ayotte

\*\*As there are no acolyte

are at one 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!

shown above, many services with scheduled. If 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 – 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  
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Ted & Katrina Wager  
Ed & Marcia Keinath

**Altar Guild Communion Set-Up**  
7:30PM -  
8:30AM - Pam Ill  
11AM - Sheila Peche



# Misc., Memorials, Area News

## "Cooperative Catechesis: A Model for Equipping Lutheran Parents and Congregations to Catechize Children in the Christian Faith."

By Pastor Phil Booe - Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Hebron, CT

From my dissertation (still very much a draft):

"Parents catechize their children constantly. Despite the notion some parents hold that they are unable to teach, they are always teaching—good or bad. Take, for instance, a father who is a fan of the Green Bay Packers professional football team. Whether he realizes it or not he is catechizing his children to be Packers fans. The father does not set aside an hour of each week to teach his children about the basics of football, the importance of team loyalty, or why rooting for the Packers makes sound logical sense. He does not send his children once a week to a class taught by an assistant football coach to learn about being football fans. When his children reach a certain age, he certainly does not contact the head coach of the Packers to evaluate his children to determine if they are ready to be Packers fans.

Instead, the father simply lives out his life as a fan and models what it looks like to be faithful to the Green Bay Packers for his children. He talks about football in casual conversation. He introduces his children to watching or attending football games and sits with them as they experience it together. He answers his children's questions about field goals, downs, and interceptions while also offering up his own commentary on what makes football and the Packers so great. As his children age, they begin to follow their father's example. At some point, they may be ready to play football, but even if not they have grown up hearing about it and seeing their father speak, act, and even dress like a Packers fan. More often than not, because of their exposure to their father's dutiful and continual catechesis, his children will eventually take on more responsibility for learning about football on their own. In time, like their father, they will don the green and gold jersey as they sit with their own children and pass down what they have learned.

Parents teach their children every day. Children learn from their parents everything from social skills to work ethics to sports fanaticism. It is time that children learn from their parents what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ and what it means to be a Lutheran. The church is here to help, but the parents must do it."

When it came to the six chief parts of the catechism, Luther began the small catechism with these words, "*As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household.*"

That head of the family is chiefly meant to be the father, but in the reality of today's world, it is both parents. How do parents specifically go about modeling the Christian faith and life to their children and grandchildren? It is not as hard as you may think. Apply your faith to daily living, by speaking of God's Word as it applies to daily events that occur in the family. Attend church regularly to show children the importance of faith in your life. Study God's Word in plain sight of your children through daily reading (maybe even together as a family) or Adult Bible study in order to show that we can always grow in our knowledge of God's truth. Volunteer to help with activities at church or become involved in administering the church through elective office. All of these can be accomplished through the ministry and programs available at St. Paul. Parents, you are the most important teacher your children will ever have on this earth. Walk the life of faith as an example for your children to follow.

Read: Deuteronomy 6 and Proverbs 22:6

### MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Clayton Damm  
General Fund \$50.00

IN MEMORY OF Edna Weiss  
General Fund \$2195.00  
Building Fund \$ 140.00  
St. Paul Lutheran School \$ 5.00  
Christian Care Committee \$ 25.00  
Student Aid Fund \$ 20.00



### Area News

**Junior High Night of Fun** Sat., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30PM at Valley Lutheran. The Junior Class of Valley will be hosting a dance/activities for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost is \$10 and includes pizza, pop, snacks and fun! If questions, call 989-790-1676.

**All You Can Eat Cod** Fri., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 and 4-7 at St. Martin Lutheran Church. Adults: 10.00, 5-12: 7.00, Under 5: Free.

**The 13th Annual VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction - Putting on the Ritz** Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at Apple Mountain Conference Center. Silent Auction begins at 5PM, with themed activities, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and live auction. All funds go to Valley for student aid, classroom items and a wish list item. Go to [www.vlhsauction.com](http://www.vlhsauction.com) for more information or call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 [kaulfarm@airadv.net](mailto:kaulfarm@airadv.net), or Karrie Gatza 989-415-6776 [Karriekookies@aol.com](mailto:Karriekookies@aol.com).

**MUSIC & LAUGHS:** Dueling Pianos and comedian Matt Jurgens on Sat., March 5 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6PM, the show starts at 7PM and dessert will be served between acts. Tickets: \$12 each; \$10 each for 4+; \$14 at the door. Buy tickets on iTickets.com (*search* Music & Laughs) or at the church office.

## **Here We Stand!**

"Perhaps the most referenced single statement of the Reformation is ascribed to Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms (April 18, 1521), when he refused to recant his belief that Jesus, Son of God, Savior and Lord, had done everything necessary for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation on Calvary's blood-stained cross and Easter's open tomb. 'Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason...my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me. Amen.'" (Excerpt from letter by Rev. David P.E. Maier President of the Michigan District, LCMS).

The 2015 Michigan District LCMS convention approved a district-wide capital campaign in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. This thank offering is to celebrate and boldly proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to those of this generation as well as generations to come, while honoring our longstanding heritage.

We look to Psalm 71:17-18 for guidance and direction for the campaign, "**O God, from my youth you have taught me and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**"

This extraordinary effort seeks to raise a minimum of \$10 million to provide funding for district mission and ministry while we celebrate and recognize the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

Through our 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the District will raise funds in support of four initiatives:

- I. Professional Church Worker Scholarships - help provide funding for substantial scholarships for students who have committed their lives to serving the Church
- II. Innovative Missional Ministry - provide funding assistance to those entities that create, develop, and implement innovative mission and ministry opportunities which meet the objective to grow Christ's Kingdom
- III. Michigan District Endowment - increase funding available through Michigan District Endowments, and
- IV. International Ministry - support international ministry and missionaries from Michigan to fulfill our goal to share the Gospel throughout the world.

There will be an **informational workshop** for congregations in our area on **February 23, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Faith Lutheran in Bay City. Please consider attending this event with me and other members so we can help our congregation, Circuit and District work together in spreading the Gospel.

Every minute, numerous people lose their life without knowing Christ, while even more children are born who need the Good News of Jesus. Opportunities to share the Good News of salvation abound, and we are blessed in the assurance that Christ will provide the strength required for us to accomplish our vision throughout the district and the world.

I ask you to please join me in prayer for the success of **Here We Stand**. May God bless our congregational family and guide us in our support of this historic undertaking. Please feel free to contact me, or Ray Zavada at the Michigan District office (888-225-2111), if you have any questions.

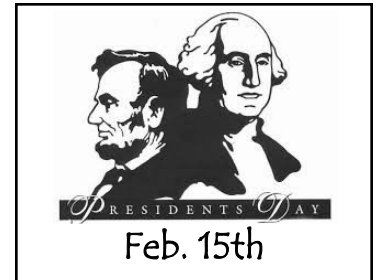
Remember - you matter to God and you matter to me,  
Rev. James R. Bruner - 1 John 4:10-11

### **Monthly Financial Report for Congregation**

#### **General Church Account for Month Ending 10/31 & 11/30 - Tentative**

\*\*This month's financial report is not updated at this time, due to the Director of Accounting having a family member in the hospital. We will update as soon as it becomes available. She apologizes for the delay.\*\*

Carryover Deficit as of <b>10/31/15</b>	(\$160,902.84)
<b>November</b> General Fund Income	\$85,646.58
<b>November</b> General Fund Expenses	(\$90,437.90)
+ / - for Month of November	(\$4,791.32)
Ongoing Deficit to Date	(\$165,694.16)
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2015/2016 through <b>11/30/15</b> : (\$8,679.98)	
<b>November</b> 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



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#### **theran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"**

**February 7th**

"Jesus Changes Everything"  
Luke 9:28-36

**February 14th**

"Total Security" - Psalm 91:1-16

**February 21st**

"Die with a Purpose" - Luke 13:31-35

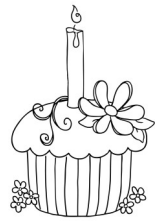
**February 28th**

"Cut it Down?" - Luke 13:1-9





# February Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



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

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***God's Richest Blessings  
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# St. Paul Lutheran School

## February 2016



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

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

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

Feb. 1-12	NWEA Testing
Feb. 5	Dads & Doughnuts (Grades 3-5), Wear your school theme shirt, Reading Buddy & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade basketball Parent Night
Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday services 4 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 12-Mar. 4	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart
Feb. 12	6-8 <sup>th</sup> grade Bowling Trip,
Feb. 17	Lenten Services 4 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 18	P.T.L. Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	Lenten Services 4 & 7 p.m.
Feb. 26	VIP Dance 6-9 p.m.

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



### School Musical Opportunities



Feb. 17	Cantate Choir	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Family Group K,3,6	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 24	Cherub Choir (K-2)	4:00 p.m.

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



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



Feb. 1	at St. Michael's Richville	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	with Christ the King, Sebewaing	6:00 p.m.

### Reading Buddy & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night

Feb. 9	at St. Michael's, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Immanuel/Trinity	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 18/20	Boy's League Tournaments	TBA
Feb. 19/20	Girl's League Tournaments	TBA

### Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball

Feb. 6	with Faith, Bay City	girls 10 a.m.	boys 11 a.m.
Feb. 13	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	10 a.m.	11 a.m.
Feb. 20	with Peace, Saginaw	10 a.m.	11 a.m.
Feb. 27	at Trinity/Trost	10 a.m.	11 a.m.

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



## February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><b>** Notes **</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School</p>	<p><b>1</b>  7Pm Handbells</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA</p>	<p><b>3</b>  6:53 Choir 7:30PM Council</p>	<p><b>4</b>  6:15PM Praise Team Get Fit 7:15PM Evangelism</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8-10:30AM Dads&amp; Doughnuts 1-7PM Blood Drive</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:30 Men's Bible Study Scrapbooking MMA Fundraiser  <b>7:30PM Worship</b></p>
<p><b>7</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b>  <b>11AM Worship</b> 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p><b>8</b>  7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA Men's Heroes 8PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i><b>Ash Wednesday</b></i>  <b>4PM Worship</b> 6PM Choir  <b>7PM Worship</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  6:15PM Praise Team Get Fit</p>	<p><b>12</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 6-8grades bowling Hoops for Hearts 1-3PM Fish Fry Prep 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p><b>13</b> Scrapbooking   <b>7:30PM Worship+C</b></p>
<p><b>14</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b>  <b>11AM Worship+C</b> 1:30PM Voters 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p><b>15</b>  7PM Handbells</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA 8PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>4PM Worship</b> 6PM Choir  <b>7PM Worship</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 6-7 PM PTL Meeting 6:15PM Praise Team Get Fit</p>	<p><b>19</b> 1-3PM Fish Fry Prep 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p><b>20</b>   <b>7:30PM Worship</b></p>
<p><b>21</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b>  <b>11AM Worship</b> 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p><b>22</b>  7PM Stephen Ministry Handbells</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3 PM Quilting 6:15PM Get Fit 6-8PM Painting 7:30PM AA</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>4PM Worship</b> 6PM Choir  <b>7PM Worship</b> 8PM Elders</p>	<p><b>25</b>  6:15PM Praise Team Get Fit</p>	<p><b>26</b> 1-3PM Fish Fry Prep 3-7PM Fish Fry 6-9PM VIP Dance</p>	<p><b>27</b>   <b>7:30PM Worship+C</b></p>
<p><b>28</b>  <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b>  <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <i>Handbells</i> 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p><b>29</b>  7PM Handbells</p>					

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