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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

March 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

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We all have weak moments in our lives, where we know God is shaking His head at us in disgrace. It creates a shame and guilt we don't want or like to admit.

At times our sinful heart yells, "I don't have weak moments." I would argue that having pride is a weak moment too, even when our culture calls pride a sign of strength. Pride is a weakness disguised as strength for it secretly fears competition and dreads someone might be better than them. Pride fears imperfection and failure.

Those weak moments are the worst part of us that we want to do away with. When these moments come we can feel disappointed in ourselves. It may be the time we secretly turned our backs on God to do what we want and no one else knows about it. It could be the weak moments where we did not want to confess our sin because someone may judge us. It could be a time we held back forgiveness. It could be a fight with your spouse. Those weak moments can be times of anger, lust, greed, envy, selfishness... and the list grows. It can be a public sin or a private sin. What is your weak moment?

Sins are there and we try to drown them out by keeping our minds busy on work or "doing better next time" when those weak moments come. Or even trying to rationalize them somehow, "I know I am supposed to forgive, but I don't feel it." We all have weak moments and at times try to hide them, whether with pride, secrecy, isolation, etc. However, hiding them, is like sweeping a Lego under the rug, it is still there, you still feel it.

Why not come clean before God and honest before Him? But whispers of doubt and shame stop us. What would God think of me? Could His grace really clean up such a weakness?

Singer Matthew West said it best about this struggle inside us.

*There's a war between guilt and grace
And they're fighting for a sacred space*

The sinner is ashamed and afraid, wanting guilt to reign inside. However, in the shadow of that shame, beat down by all the blame, God's is calling our name from the cross and resurrection of Christ. It is His grace and forgiveness that surpasses all sin, doubt, fear, shame, and guilt.

For from [Christ] fullness we have all received,

grace upon grace. John 1:16

For grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17b

It is by His grace we have been saved ^{Eph 2:8}. It is His grace that wins every time, because he took the cross and grave, to wash us clean from sin. He died to give us a grace and mercy that are so hard to describe.

If that is not enough He rose to prove his grace has won; to prove we have forgiveness. His victory over the grave is proof he grace wins over our sins, shame, guilt, whatever is before us. His grace pushes aside all that pain and sin to take a place in our lives. We are more than conquerors in His grace ^{Rm. 8:36}.

Matthew West in his song emphasizes this point taken from Scripture:

*For the prodigal son, grace wins
For the woman at the well, grace wins
For the blind man and the beggar, grace wins
For always and forever, grace wins
For the lost out on the street, grace wins
For the worst part of you and me, grace wins
For the thief on the cross, grace wins*

His grace returns what guilt, sin, shame has stolen—His love, strength, and courage. In Christ's cross and resurrection we are living proof Grace wins every time.

*Inspired by Matthew West's Song, "Grace Wins."

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Bible Studies



Join us for **Coffee**

Hour in the Parish Hall

before Bible Study begins.

Celebrating Lutheran Schools - Congregational Bible Study – March 6th & 13th in the Parish Hall. Motivated by their love for their Lord, our forefathers established St. Paul Lutheran School in 1905. Your school was, is and will continue to be a major mission of our congregation. What is this mission? How is our school fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord? How might you and your family be involved in this mission? This study is designed for all members whether you are a family or single, 2 to 102, you are encouraged and welcome to join us.

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., March 5th 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., March 8th at 7:30PM in the Library.

Scripture Readings

March 6th

Isaiah 12:1-6
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 13th

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14
Luke 20:9-20

March 20th

Deuteronomy 32:36-39
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:1-23:56

March 27th

Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

March Meetings

Council

Wed., March 2nd at 8PM

Evangelism

Thurs., March 3rd at 7:15PM

Board of Education

Tues., March 8th at 6:30PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., March 14th & 28th at 7PM

Dorcas

Tues., March 15th at 6PM

Elders

Wed., March 23rd at 8PM

This year's Lenten theme: ***"King of Kings"***

During this year's Lenten worship services we will take a closer look at some of the earthly kings in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament - the kings over whom the King of Kings reigns supreme.

Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 4 & 7PM

- March 2nd – *Ahab: The King Whose Repentance Was Too Little, Too Late*
March 9th – *Zedekiah: The King Who Turned Out the Lights*
March 16th – *Herod: The King Who Couldn't Kill Jesus*

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.

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

High School Youth Nights

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

Messenger/Calendar Deadline

Friday, March 18th

Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 4th, 11th, & 18th
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.

Homemade Pies for Sale - \$8.00 per pie
Proceeds go to the 7th grade for their DC trip.



DENIM & *Diamonds*

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
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

Mark Your Calendars! **Dorcas Bus Trip to Claire**

May 17th

Bus leaves St. Paul at 8AM
and returns around 5PM.



We will stop at an Amish Quilt Shop, Bakery, Hardware Store, Bulk Food Store and have lunch at an Amish Home - plus more if time allows!

\$40.00 per person.

Make checks payable to Dorcas LWIM.

To reserve your seat call Connie Keinath 871-4125
or Eileen Ziegler 871-2329.

Only 48 seats available - sponsored by Dorcas LWIM.

Daylight Savings Time
March 13th
Spring Ahead!

Scrapbooking

Sat., March 12th 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 LIFE-TIME...JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2016 Daily Lectionary – LSB pp. 299-304						
<u>6</u> 4th S. in Lent Gn 41:28-57 Mk 11:20-33 Ps 60:1, 9-12	<u>7</u> Gn 42:1-34, 38 Mk 12:1-12 Ps 3	<u>8</u> Gn 43:1-28 Mk 12:13-27 Ps 37:16-20	<u>9</u> Gn 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk 12:28-44 Ps 26:1-7	<u>10</u> Gn 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk 13:1-23 Ps 82	<u>11</u> Gn 47:1-31 Mk 13:24-37 Ps 77:11-15	<u>12</u> Gn 49:29 -- 50:7, 14-26 Mk 14:1-11 Ps 44:1-4
<u>13</u> 5th S. in Lent Ex 1:1-22 Mk 14:12-31 Ps 129	<u>14</u> Ex 2:1-22 Mk 14:32-52 Ps 31:9-4	<u>15</u> Ex 2:23 -- 3:22 Mk 14:53-72 Ps 39:1-7	<u>16</u> Ex 4:1-18 Mk 15:1-15 Ps 18:6-7, 16-20	<u>17</u> Ex 4:19-31 Mk 15:16-32 Ps 69:33-36	<u>18</u> Ex 5:1 -- 6:1 Mk 15:33-47 Ps 22:1-5	<u>19</u> Ex 7:1-25 Mk 16:1-20 Ps 78:52-55
<u>20</u> Palm Sunday Ex 8:1-32 Heb 1:1-14 Ps 71:19-24	<u>21</u> Ex 9:1-28 Heb 2:1-18 Ps 35:1-6, 9-10	<u>22</u> Ex 9:29 -- 10:20 Heb 3:1-19 Ps 88:3-9	<u>23</u> Ex 10:21 -- 11:10 Heb 4:1-16 Ps 89:20-27	<u>24</u> Maundy Thursday Ex 12:1-28 Heb 5:1-14 Ps 37:1-7	<u>25</u> Good Friday Ex 12:29-32; 13:1-16 Heb 6:1-20 Ps 135:1-4, 8-9	<u>26</u> Ex 3:17 -- 14:9 Heb 7:1-22 Ps 37:1-7
<u>27</u> Easter Ex 14:10-31 Heb 7:23 -- 8:13 Ps 96:1-3, 6, 11-13	<u>28</u> Ex 15:1-18 Heb 9:1-28 Ps 113	<u>29</u> Ex 15:19 -- 16:12 Heb 10:1-18 Ps 81:1-7	<u>30</u> Ex 16:13-35 Heb 10:19-39 Ps 134	<u>31</u> Ex 17:1-16 Heb 11:1-29 Ps 114	The Rev. Dr. Gifford A. Groblien (Gifford.Groblien@cstfiv.edu) serves as assistant professor of Systematic Theology and director of the Doctor of Minis- try Program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.	

Overcoming Death, Gifford A. Groblien For the Life of the World -- March 2014

The hope of new life in Christ—is how the Christians of old faced the wickedness of their time. Although the world seemed to be crumbling around them, they did not despair, for they knew that their lives and the world itself was being remade in Christ. For us, too, the resurrection of Christ gives us an indomitable hope, no matter the trials we suffer. The first century Roman Empire suffered from the same kinds of corruption which eat away at all nations, including our own. Sexual immorality, perversion of marriage and abortion were acceptable practices. The economy served those who were already well-to-do. Yet, in the midst of all that corruption, something unique came to pass in those days: the coming of God in the flesh and His subsequent death on the cross and His resurrection. In the midst of the corruption, suffering and despair of the greatest empire, the light of hope was ignited. This light of the resurrection brought a profound and systemic change to the perspective of those who received this light and were reborn into the new life of Christ.

It was into this world, a world of immorality, death and economic injustice—a world not so different from our own—that the Son of God was born. And what hope or change did He bring? To the perception of some, perhaps very little. Jesus Christ did not coerce people into changing. He did not come with the wrath of divine glory to bring punishment. He did not send forth His armies to quell rebellions and intimidate nations into subjection to Him. He came humbly, in a vulnerable human body, to appeal to the people with His divine grace, with His patient mercy and with forgiveness of sins. In almost every way He was the opposite of the Roman imperial structure. Because He came humble and vulnerable, He could be opposed—both His message and His person.

The wickedness of the world seemed to have its way with Him, putting Him to death on a cross. Yet He deigned to be vulnerable, His divine power could not be overcome. The author of life—the very living One—could not be conquered by death. Just as darkness is scattered before light, so death is nothing before life. God in His body raised Himself again to life to dispel all death before Him. Christ's resurrection did not benefit only Himself. Just as He came among people to offer His divine grace, mercy and forgiveness, so, in His resurrection He offers to all resurrection from the dead: (1 Cor. 15:20-23). Eternal life in a resurrected, perfected body is for all who belong to Christ. You belong to Christ through baptism! (Rom. 6:3-4).

Christ's resurrection assures us of new, resurrected life with Christ after our earthly death. Yet, this new resurrected life already begins in this world. It begins with baptism, as the passage of the church demonstrated. Certainly this new life is hidden in many ways. Our bodies are not resurrected yet, and they suffer from many things. Yet, Christians in the early centuries of the church demonstrated in their lives how the eternal life of the resurrection was already beginning in Christ's life in them. Converts to Christianity abandoned a life of wickedness... The resurrection gave a true hope and fearlessness to Christians in the face of the wickedness of others... Although the world seemed to be crumbling around them, they did not despair, for they knew that their lives and the world itself were being remade in Christ. For us, too, the resurrection of Christ gives us an indomitable hope, no matter the social or personal trials we suffer... The destruction and despair that the world tries to sow are overturned in the new kingdom of Christ. Every generation of Christians faces wickedness in the world... In Christ, we live, knowing that when we die, we do not perish but become incorruptible through the resurrection.

Special Thanks / Serve & Volunteer / Misc.

Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Fish Fry. We had a great turn out! Thank you to everyone who came and bought fish and to all who made desserts.

We would like to extend a very heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone that donated or participated in the Ugly Sweater Contest that raised money for our baby daughter, Kemmer. We are so humbled to be on the receiving end of such generosity. We feel so grateful and blessed beyond measure to belong to such a giving and caring church and school family! The money you raised will help us to buy gas to get to and from Doctor appointments, as well as pay for meals while we stay with her at U of M, in Ann Arbor, during her surgery and recovery.

Kemmer is 3 months old now and doing as well as can be expected. We are praying that she can wait until the end of February to have her heart fully repaired. The bigger she is when she has the open heart surgery, the better the outcome of the repair. She will be around 4 months old for her 4th and (hopefully) final surgery.

In addition to the gratitude we feel for our St. Paul family and friends, we are also very thankful that the Ronald McDonald House is available for us to sleep at during her hospital stay, free of charge! The RMH does a wonderful service for the families with children being treated at the hospital. I encourage anyone that visits McDonald's to throw a few coins into the donation box. The RMH website states that "if every customer put a penny into the donation box each time they visited, it could generate more than \$250 million dollars."

Again, we are so thankful for the kindness and love you have shown for our precious gift, Kemmer. If I could ask for one thing, I would ask you all to keep Kemmer and our family in your prayers. We know that God has us in His loving embrace and that with His almighty, healing strength, Kemmer will live her life to His glory!.. God's Blessings, Troy and Michelle (Diener-David) Jones and Timmy David

P.S. A special thank you to Mr. Schoenknecht, who was brave enough to win the title of "Ugliest" sweater, by raising the most money! Thank you, Mr. Schoenknecht!

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

Auction

AUCTION UPDATE: The date of our auction is April 30th, with doors opening at 11AM and the auction starting at 1PM. Be sure and mark your calendar.

We still need many donations. Several great donations have already been made - items ranging from a car to an Aruba time share, furniture items, food items and many others. Join the fun - make a donation and plan on attending!

Donation ideas:

** 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 **

Donation sheets are on the wooden cabinet in the narthex. Please fill out the forms and place in mailbox number 621 or contact Jan Snyder at auction@spsmill.org or 871-4420. If the item is large, contact Jan to have the item picked up by our transportation committee. To help with the auction, call Steve Kern at 871-4185. For more information, go to <http://www.stpaul-millington.org/auction.html>.

This is a reminder that **congregation members** are being asked to **contact local and nearby businesses for donations** for the auction. If you are familiar with a business owner or business that you think would help us with a donation, please make that contact and bring the donation to the church. We would like to have around 200 items to auction between the membership donations and local business donations.

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.

In case you were wondering, "What is with Pastor Bruner's hairy chin?"

I have had a goatee beard for over twenty years. I heard that until recently some of you have not noticed. You would have to find pictures of me in order to see what my chin actually looked like when I began as a pastor. The idea came to me that we could have some entertainment with the upcoming "Keeping the Command, Keeping the Promise" auction. I am offering to let the highest bidder have the pleasure of shaving the "old goat." Since it is growing in a little more white than my original hair color and I have entered the AARP age category, I will let you decide what or who is the "old goat." For now, the "goat" will continue to grow older until the day of the auction. Is there anyone who wants to take a razor to my chin? Save your dollars and then come to bid at the auction for the chance to shave the "old goat." Now you know why my chin is more noticeable.

March Schedule



Acolytes

2	4PM	Lent	
2	7PM	Lent	
5	7:30PM		Conner MacKay
6	8:30AM		Kirsten Skousen
6	11AM		Alden & Jay Rodammer
9	4PM	Lent	
9	7PM	Lent	
12	7:30PM		Christian Kennedy & Eric or Chris
13	8:30AM		Danielle & Matt Ayotte
13	11AM		
16	4PM	Lent	
16	7PM	Lent	
19	7:30PM		(+ Crucifer) Zac & Jeff Yorke
20	8:30AM	Palm Sun	(+ Crucifer) Ethan & Emma Hoard
20	11AM	Palm Sun	(+ Crucifer) Brandon & Mark Rude
24	7PM	M. Thurs.	
25	1:30PM	Good Friday	
25	7PM	Tenebrae	Zac Yorke
27	6:30AM	Sunrise	Crucifer
27	8:30AM	Easter	(+ Crucifer) Joshua & Justin Allen
27	11AM	Easter	(+ Crucifer) Paige & Matt Ayotte

**As shown on the schedule, there are many services with no acolyte scheduled. If you 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!

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	
	11:00AM	Heather & Jason Jones
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	
	11:00AM	Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)



Ushers Team B

8:30AM Service

Captain – Dwight Keinath
 Assistant – Michael Albert
 Ken Auernhammer
 Corey Harry
 Mitchel Ill
 Colin Meacham
 Daniel Meacham
 Jeremy Petzold
 Luke Platt
 Eugene Weiss
 Bud Zeck
 Mike Ziegler

11AM Service

Captain – Richard Harpst
 Assistant – Jay Rodammer
 Mike Hoard
 Heath Keinath
 John Petzold
 Michael Rader
 Mark Rude
 Hans Schmandt
 Michael Sherman
 Rick Sherman
 Randy Wolverson
 Bryan Wilson Jr.

7:30PM Service

Captain – Jim Jaruzel
 Don Bierlein

Church Sextons Mathew & Angela Ayotte
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

Ted & Katrina Wager
 Ed & Marcia Keinath

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Lillian Sergent
 8:30AM - Vicki Albert
 11AM - Lisa Rodammer/Heather Petzold

LEAP / Memorials / Misc.

LEAP Update January 2016

While news from the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan (LEAP) has been limited the last several months, the activity has been anything but limited.

In November the LEAP Strategic Implementation Team engaged in several intensive strategic planning sessions as it began the transition to a formal organization the LEAP Alliance. With the help of planning consultant Dave Near, a constitution and by-laws were adopted. A new board and committee structure was implemented and legal documentation was filed.

As part of the process LEAP renewed its commitment to its mission to "Build and encourage successful collaboration among all Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations to ensure excellent and financially stable PK-12th grade Lutheran Schools." As the board reviewed the last three years it noted progress in several areas but identified the importance of a more focused approach moving forward.

The 23 members of the LEAP Alliance and the board representatives are:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Charmaine Wittig
Christ the King Lutheran School - Jeremy Van Tol
Faith Lutheran Church (Bay City) - Jack Anderson
Faith Lutheran Church (Bridgeport) - Pastor Hessler
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Diann Stewart (Treasurer)
Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Pastor Jim Krueger
Immanuel Lutheran Church (Bay City) - Brian Young (Vice Pres.)
Immanuel Lutheran Church (Frankentrost) - Al Kaul
Messiah Lutheran Church (Carrollton)
Peace Lutheran Church - Sue Kuck
St. John-Amelith - Jen Enge
St. John Lutheran Church (Midland) - Jan Sleight
St. Lorenz Lutheran Church - Jim Howe
St. Mark Lutheran Church (Saginaw)
St. Michael's Lutheran Church - Mark Burkitt
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Frankenlust) - Jeremy Warren
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Millington) - Pastor Jim Bruner
St. Peter Lutheran Church (Hemlock) - Kurt Hilbrandt
Trinity Lutheran Church (Monitor) - David Friebe
Trinity Lutheran Church (Reese) - Sharol Brechtelsbauer
Valley Lutheran High School - John Brandt
Zion Lutheran Church (Auburn) - Sarah Diener (Secretary)
Zion Lutheran Church (Bay City) - Sondra Yantz & Pastor Bill Hoesman (President)

Annual Report

We are in the process of putting together our **2015 Annual Report** and need your help. Please turn in your "year in review" so we can include all your board's activities. The Annual Report gives an insight to all parishioners everything that goes on during our year. A lot of things happen "Behind the scenes" that most people don't realize. If you haven't yet, please email your report to stacey.force@spsmill.org by Fri., March 11th. Thank you!

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Bob and Duane Benish General Fund	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Edna Weiss General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Arno Keinath Building Fund	\$25.00
IN HONOR OF Wilfred Schultz's 93 rd Birthday General Fund	\$93.00
IN MEMORY OF Norma Sahr General Fund	\$20.00
Anonymous Gift for Story Bibles	\$50.00
IN MEMORY OF Rhonda Schiefer General Fund	\$3000.00
THANKOFFERING to Christian Care Committee	\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Arlene Rodemsky General Fund	\$130.00
St. Paul School Library Books	\$215.00
IN MEMORY OF Donald Heuchert General Fund	\$270.00
St. Paul School Building Fund	\$175.00 \$30.00
Church Service Tape Ministry	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Margaret Leshinski Stephen Ministry	\$70.00

Thrivent Choice

The **Thrivent Choice** program is a grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to recommend where a portion of their charitable funding will be distributed. 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.

Easter Flowers

The **Easter Flower** sign up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex. Please fill in your name, bulletin wording, phone, plant choice, and if single or double plant. Prices: \$15 for a single plant, \$20 for a double. Deadline to order is Sun., March 13th. If questions, please call the church office.

Lutheran Hour / Area News / Financial Report / Honor Roll



Lu-

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

March 6th

"Faith in What or Whom?"
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

March 13th

"The God of New Things"
Isaiah 43:16-21

March 20th

"Palms & Grain Kernels"
John 12:12-33

March 27th

"Firstfruits"
1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Area News

Alzheimer's and Dementia hosted by Stephen Ministry - Tues., Mar. 1st from 6:30-7:30PM at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Birch Run. Practical information on how to stay in the moment with our loved ones. Free.

"Murder, Mayhem & Marshmallow Salad" Sat., Mar. 5th at 6PM at Trinity St. James, Munger. Dinner, Entertainment and Silent Auction. RSVP 989-659-2506.

Dueling Pianos and Comedian Matt Jurgens Sat., Mar. 5th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6PM, 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 or at the church office.

Frankentrost Auction Sun., March 6 at Immanuel Lutheran School. Get ready for a day of fun, food and fellowship, not to mention, great deals on hundreds of Live and Silent Auction items. Our event begins at noon with a hot dog/sloppy-joe lunch, and viewing of Silent Auction items. The Live Auction begins at 1PM sharp, with our fun and lively auctioneer, Gerry Hecht. You won't want to miss this 15th annual event. Proceeds are designated for the MOST Mission Team to Jamaica for Eyeglass Clinics for adults and children.

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

Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a girls **JV soccer coach** this spring. Please contact the school or Kurt Hofmeister if interested. Practice starts Mar. 14. Call VLHS at 989-790-1676 or Kurt Hofmeister: khofmeister@vlhs.com.

Living Passion Drama "Walk the Path of Jesus Christ" March 23, 25, 26 from 6-9PM in the park next to St. Michael's School. You'll see and hear live action scenes of our Lord's last hours before He gave His life for us. Free. Go to stmichaelsrichville.com for more info.

Monthly Financial Report for Congregation **General Church Account for Month Ending 1/31/16 - Tentative**

Carryover Deficit as of 12/31/15		(<u>\$34,318.32</u>)
January General Fund Income	\$79,396.59	
January General Fund Expenses	(<u>\$95,274.08</u>)	
+ / - for Month of January	(15,877.49)	
Ongoing Deficit to Date		(<u>\$50,195.81</u>)
+ / - For Current Fiscal Year 2015/2016 through 1/31/16:		(<u>\$106,818.37</u>)
January Monthly Giving:		
Building Fund (Direct giving, Memorials, etc.)	\$15,030.50	
Missions (District, Non-District, Memorials)	\$ 1,251.79	
T.I.M. (Direct giving plus mission %)	\$ 796.69	
VLHS (Direct giving plus mission %)	\$ 277.60	

Valley Lutheran High School **2nd 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

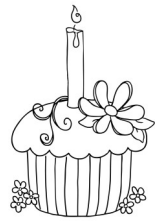
Congratulations on a
job well done!

FINAL REPORT TO CONGREGATION OF 2016 PLEDGE DRIVE

After our recent pledge drive we anticipate the 2016 general fund envelope income to be \$753,811.00. \$700,000.00 was the anticipated pledge amount used for budgeting purposes. If this pledge is met and if all other sources of income come in as expected, we should be able to end the year without any addition to our current deficit.



March Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Kyle Badgley	3/1	Mildred Keinath	3/11	Scott Jones	3/20	Jason Loomis	3/29
Shelby Dues	3/1	Anjanette Kemp	3/11	Ruth Mieske	3/20	Peggy Maschke	3/29
Connor Jones	3/1	Austin Kirby	3/11	Wayne Petzold	3/20	Kristyn O'Connor	3/29
Robert Loomis	3/1	Barbara Mohr	3/11	Kim Reinert	3/20	Derek Bassett	3/30
Shelby Wood	3/1	Kandie Perez	3/12	Hope Wood	3/20	Danion Brow	3/30
Eleanor Ayotte	3/2	James Smith	3/12	Carla Jackson	3/21	Aly Compaore	3/30
Melissa Detgen	3/2	Lexie Bommarito	3/13	Kathirin Lich	3/21	Megan Edler	3/30
Valerie Petzold	3/2	Christa Evans	3/13	Tyler Ramsey	3/21	Howard Hergenreder	3/30
Courtney Porter	3/2	Alyshia Fyke-Jolly	3/13	Sonja Russell	3/21	Susan Jensen	3/30
Garth Brown	3/3	Anthony Huber	3/13	Michael Schreiber	3/21	Karlie Sherman	3/30
Gerald Koeltzow	3/3	Viola Hunt	3/13	Robert Bastian	3/22	Nicole Swink	3/30
Alton Pederson	3/3	Ebin Petiprin	3/13	Xachary Carlyon	3/22	Olivia Zeck	3/30
Danielle Weber	3/3	David Daenzer	3/14	Ryan Detgen	3/22	Shannon Bonadurer	3/31
Trenton Damm	3/4	Sue Fabbro	3/14	Leigha Metro	3/22	Nicole Brown	3/31
Shannon Jones	3/4	Edward Keinath	3/14	David Sebert	3/22	Mary Haines	3/31
Christian Kennedy	3/4	Henry Mohr	3/14	John Ball	3/23	Cynthia Huber	3/31
Jaymie Rousseau	3/4	Jeremy Petzold	3/14	Lindsey Derscha	3/23	Daniel Pobocik	3/31
Daniel Wagle	3/4	Max Petzold	3/14	Kenton Gleason	3/23		
Nancy Warby	3/4	Timothy Schultz	3/14	Jacquelyn Petzold	3/23		
Michelle Bender	3/5	Dorothy Simmons	3/14	Timm Ames	3/24		
Jamie Brandle	3/5	Olivia Bailey	3/15	Christian Coleman	3/24		
Jason Germain	3/5	Garrison Hecht	3/15	Shannon Guelette	3/24		
Sarah Simmons	3/5	Malachi Hecht	3/15	Lorine Petzold	3/24		
Zachary Aulbert	3/6	ReAnna Hecht	3/15	Thomas Schiefer	3/24		
Yvonne Bishop	3/6	Bradley Skank	3/15	Lyla Wagner	3/24		
Jan Snyder	3/6	Danielle Skank	3/15	Alexis Balcer	3/25		
Eric Stewart	3/6	Kim Smith	3/15	David Bouck	3/25		
Emily Albert	3/7	Aimee Whittaker	3/15	Cameron Dues	3/25		
Diane Foley	3/7	Katelynn Brady	3/16	Brian Glady	3/25		
Ryan Petzold	3/7	Alicia Ide	3/16	Randy Graham	3/25		
Rhonda Roth	3/7	Robert Osborn	3/16	James Legue	3/25		
Kelly Stevens	3/7	Shane Pease	3/16	Deborah O'Brien	3/25		
Wyatt Stiers	3/7	Garen Stewart	3/16	Travis Opperman	3/25		
Andrew Hoard	3/8	Brynn Burrows	3/17	Barbara Sergent	3/25		
Teri Petzold	3/8	Claire Burrows	3/17	Connie Hoard	3/26		
Ryan Roth	3/8	Arlene Hohman	3/17	Murray Kinney	3/26		
Anthony Sherman	3/8	Gloria Rodammer	3/17	Jeanette Petzold	3/26		
Samantha Smith	3/8	Evan Thayer	3/17	Rudolf Petzold	3/26		
Woodrow Wates	3/8	Lloyd Walz	3/17	Jeffrey Raymond	3/26		
Ashley Jensen	3/9	Gauge Woelzlein	3/17	Daryl Schiefer	3/26		
Joel Keinath	3/9	Robert Aulbert	3/18	Anessa Todd	3/26		
Katelyn Sasser	3/9	Faylene Bretzloff	3/18	Caleb Allard	3/27		
Vickie Albert	3/10	James Henderson Jr.	3/18	Cindy Davis	3/27		
Jessica Cunningham	3/10	Dorothy Platt	3/18	Marion Detgen	3/27		
Michael Hoard	3/10	Matthew Reinert	3/18	Caleb Frahm	3/27		
Todd Keinath	3/10	Sid Werner	3/18	Sheila Hebner	3/27		
Patricia O'Dell	3/10	Daniel Erickson	3/19	Debra Hodge	3/27		
Serena Petzold	3/10	Charlie Ferrier	3/19	Christopher Morrow	3/27		
Benjamin Rader	3/10	Jeffrey Hecht	3/19	William Weber	3/27		
Kristy Sherman	3/10	Chase Howay	3/19	Kirk Abatelli	3/28		
Jason Titsworth	3/10	Russell ILL	3/19	Caitlynn Burns	3/28		
Hendrix Watchpocket	3/10	Amber Roth	3/19	Joseph Mallard Jr.	3/28		
Barbara Bassett	3/11	Nicholas Sohmer	3/19	Zachary Petzold	3/28		
William Force	3/11	Misty Sutton	3/19	Cami Polzin	3/28		
Karen Graham	3/11	Laura Glynn	3/20	Mitchell Ehrhardt	3/29		



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



St. Paul Lutheran School March 2016

Welcome to March! Everyone sees green and clovers this month. What a wonderful way to explain our triune God...3 in 1. Like the clover, our God is filled with love, shown by each of the three heart shaped lobes of the clover. Also, the clover is always green representing the everlasting life that we receive through Christ Jesus' life, death and resurrection! Let's remember these things as we travel



through this Lenten season, leading to the CELEBRATION of Easter later this month.

This is also a great way to remember how our church and school's mission continues to grow and flourish. As we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, March 6-13, we focus on our mission of sharing God's love with everyone. This year we will start our celebration with an all-congregation Bible Study on "the mission of our school" that our forefathers started in 1905. They had the desire that future generations may know and share the love of God. We invite you and your family, to join us in the Parish Hall, between services on March 6 & 13, to celebrate our school's heritage and learn what we, today, might do to continue this desire as we nurture it for many generations into the future.

Here is a list of the special activities for LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:

- Saturday: Private Movie Screening at the Vassar Theater (watch for details)
- Sunday: All children sing - family choice of services; All Congregation Bible Study
- Monday: Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day
- Tuesday: Servant Project / Mismatch Day & Treat Tuesday
- Wednesday: Chapel/Dress Your Best/Book Fair- Book donation & Special Reader Day
- Thursday: Wacky Olympics & Class Color Day
- Friday: Movie Day & Gratitude Shirt Day
- Sunday: All Congregation Bible Study



School Musical Opportunities



Mar. 6	ALL students K-8	choice of service
Mar. 13	Junior Bells	11:00 a.m..
Mar. 16	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m.

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

- March 1 No afternoon busses, parent pick-up only at 2:40 p.m.
- March 2 Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m.
- March 4 End of Jump Rope/ Hoops for Heart; money due
- March 6-13 Lutheran Schools Week Celebration; all congregation Bible Study (6th & 13th)
- March 9 Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m.; Scholastic Book Fair
- March 13 Daylight Savings Time begins; Scholastic Book Fair.
- March 15 Kindergarten Round-up 8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- March 16 Lenten Services at 4 & 7 p.m.
- March 18 St. Paul's Got Talent 6-8 p.m.
- March 19 Denim & Diamonds 5-11:30 p.m.
- March 22 His Little Lambs Preschool Registration 1-6 p.m.
- March 24 Maundy Thursday; last day before Easter Vacation (3/25-4/3)
- March 25 No School- Good Friday

March Sports: Our C-teams play through this month. Come and support these boys and girls as they use their God-given talents. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for all of the great seasons.





















Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball



Mar. 5	at Bethlehem, Saginaw	girls 10 a.m.	boys 11 a.m.
Mar. 12	with St. Lorenz 2, Frankenmuth	girls 10 a.m.	boys 11 a.m.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>** Notes ** 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School</p>		<p>1 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM -AA -Salary & Personnel</p>	<p>2  4PM Worship 6PM Choir  7PM Worship 8PM Council</p>	<p>3 6:15PM -Praise Team -Get Fit 7:15PM Evangelism</p>	<p>4 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p>5 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship</p>
<p>6 <i>Lutheran Schools Week</i>  8:30AM Worship+C <i>K-8th Grades</i> 9:45AM **See Notes**  11AM Worship <i>K-8th Grades</i> 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p>7 7PM Handbells</p>	<p>8 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM -AA -Heroes</p>	<p>9  4PM Worship 6PM Choir  7PM Worship</p>	<p>10 6:15PM -Praise Team -Get Fit</p>	<p>11 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p>12 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking  7:30PM Worship+C</p>
<p>13  8:30AM Worship 9:30AM Brass Practice 9:45AM **See Notes**  11AM Worship+C <i>Jr. Handbells</i> 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p>14 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>15 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Dorcas 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM AA</p>	<p>16  4PM Worship <i>Free Spirit</i> 6PM Choir  7PM Worship</p>	<p>17 6:15PM -Praise Team -Get Fit</p>	<p>18 <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 3-7PM Fish Fry</p>	<p>19 8:30-12PM Easter Egg Hunt  7:30PM Worship</p>
<p>20 <i>Palm Sunday</i>  8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir/Brass</i> 9:45AM **See Notes**  11AM Worship Contemporary 6-8PM HS Youth</p>	<p>21 7PM Handbells</p>	<p>22 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM AA</p>	<p>23 6:53PM Choir 7:30 Elders</p>	<p>24 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>  7:00PM Worship+C <i>Men's Choir</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Good Friday</i> No School  1:30PM Worship  7PM Tenebrae <i>Church Choir</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <i>Easter</i>  6:30AM Worship  8:30AM Worship+C 7:30-10AM Breakfast  11AM Worship+C Blended Worship</p>	<p>28 7PM Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>29 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM AA</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6:15PM -Praise Team -Get Fit</p>		

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**March
2016**



Maundy Thursday – March 24th

7PM - Worship with Communion

All high schoolers are welcome to sit together and commune with your class.

Good Friday – March 25th

1:30PM – Worship, 7PM Tenebrae

Easter Celebrations – March 27th

6:30AM – Sunrise

8:30 & 11AM – Worship with Communion

Easter Breakfast 7:30-10AM

Free Will Donation – Proceeds go to the youth for future events.

Menu: A variety of scrambled egg dishes, breakfast burritos, French toast, hashbrowns, sausage, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit, doughnuts

New this year – A Create Your Own Waffle Bar!

Donations are welcome!

Please call the church office if you can donate any of the following: eggs, sausage, hash brown patties, fresh fruit, taco shells, shredded cheese, ham, donuts, or a monetary gift.

High School Youth – Here is your chance to earn money for future youth events.

Please call the church office or let Jake Petzold know if you can help.