



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 2016

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

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Saturday 7:30 P.M.

Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.

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A Message from Pastor

In the past few years, it has been no secret that I have been searching and exploring more about forgiveness and reconciliation. When I started my studies I said, "I have a lot to learn." Now I sit back today and realize, "I have a lot to learn."

Forgiveness is an enigma that baffles us but at the same time draws us in to grasp it more. It has so much power in it that it restarts lives and calms the pain.

It baffles us because we want to do it, but it is so hard to do. There is no question; forgiveness is very hard... very, very hard. We say we can't forgive because of the pain we feel. We can't forgive because we can't forget.

We are making forgiveness harder than we need to, because we are adding to forgiveness. Forgiveness is a choice we make to let go of the wrong, not excuse it. It is saying, "I care about our relationship and don't want it to end. It is saying, "I don't want this bitterness inside me."

We add to forgiveness by saying, "I can't forgive because pain is still there," or "I can't forgive, because I can't forget." Those are two separate issues: forgiveness on one side, and the pain and forgetting on the other. When we say those things it says a lot about us. That is, we care more about the pain or the wrong controlling us than the person who hurt us, forgiveness, the relationship and even Christ. Forgiveness starts the process for the pain to go away and to think about it less.

When we hold that forgiveness we leave the other person in his pain and agony. What type of person leaves someone in their pain and not forgive? The unforgiving person is living far from the heart of God. Either way, not forgiving is exhausting for both parties in the end.

As I said, forgiveness starts the healing and thinking of the wrong less, and forgiveness begins with Christ. It is 100% possible to forgive if we focus on Christ rather than the sin or hurt. When we look to Jesus we forgive because we see we are forgiven. His forgiveness was hard too. He went to the cross, with nails in his hands and feet. He bore all our sins; more than the one or two wrongs someone did to us. He then rose from death to life to assure us that

those sins we committed spearheaded from us as far as the east is from the west Ps. 103:12. Forgiveness did not come easy for Christ; it cost His life. With His forgiveness it inspires and drives us in our forgiveness to others. With Christ and His Spirit we can forgive, because we have been forgiven Col. 3:13.

We are forgiven because of Christ and he has poured out that forgiveness in our baptism, to make us born of forgiveness to forgive. What is fascinating about this forgiveness is that it does a lot to our lives. Here are a few things His forgiveness does to our lives:

- Forgiveness frees us from bitterness, anger, and resentment.
- Forgiveness starts for the pain of the sin to be healed.
- Forgiveness brings the person who sinned out of his agony into peace.
- Forgiveness mends broken relationships.
- Forgiveness strengthens relationships.
- Forgiveness helps us learn and grow in our faith and life.
- Forgiveness leads to rejoicing.
- Forgiveness has a rippling effect to impact others around us who are not involved.
- Forgiveness is a great witness to unbelievers.
- Forgiveness gives glory to God.
- Forgiveness reflects God's love.
- Forgiveness outwits the devil's schemes.
- Forgiveness starts for trust to be rebuilt.
- Forgiveness releases anxiety.
- Forgiveness makes us think of the wrong done less.

These are just a few things forgiveness does. There is more to forgiveness than what I can put on paper or say in a sermon. As we start a new school year, I would like to invite you to start to take a look at forgiveness. To see what forgiveness does in your life and the life of others. If you would like to talk more about this or need help, come see me - as one who is a fellow learner of forgiveness and who still has a lot to learn himself.

In Christ, Pastor Abatelli

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Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

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

Revelation Bible Study – Led by Pastor Bruner in the library. We WILL be learning what CAN be learned and understood from this mysterious book of the Bible. Come and discover the comfort and peace God intends to communicate through this final book of the Bible.

Adult Instruction Class - Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Multi-purpose room. Everyone is invited to "The Real Truth." In this class, we will look at the myths about Christ and His teachings, and then explore the truth about Christ and His teachings. If interested, please call the church office so we can have materials prepared.

Other Bible Studies

Daily Lectionary

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

Men's Morning Bible Study

Sat., October 1st 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., September 13th at 7:30PM in the Library.

September Meetings

Evangelism

Thurs., September 1st at 7:15PM

Stewardship

Tues., Sept. 6th at 7PM

Social Concerns

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

Council

Wed., September 7th at 7PM

Trustees

Sun., September 11th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., September 12th & 26th at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., September 15th at 6:30PM

Salary & Personnel

Mon., Sept. 19th at 7PM in the library

Dorcas

Tues., Sept. 20th at 6PM

Elders

Wed., September 28th at 7:30PM

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., October 9th at 1:30PM
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Scripture Readings

Sept. 4th

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Philemon 1:21

Luke 14: 25-35

Sept. 11th

Ezekiel 34: 11-24

1 Timothy 2: 1-15

Luke 16: 19-31

Sept. 18th

Amos 8: 4-7

1 Timothy 2: 1-15

Luke 16: 1-15

Sept. 25th

Amos 6: 1-7

1 Timothy 3: 1-13; 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31



The
Lutheran Hour

Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

September 4th

"Choose Life!"

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

September 11th

"There's No Other Friend Like Jesus"

Luke 15: 1-10

September 18th

"Be Careful Who Sings Your Praises"

Luke 16: 1-15

September 25th

"Unlimited Patience—Almost"

1 Timothy 1: 15-16

Music

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the church.
Ringers needed - everyone welcome -
no experience necessary!

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM
in the school music room.

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM
Singers and instrumentalists welcome
to join any time!

Happenings at St. Paul

High School Youth Nights

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

AA Meetings

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

Yahoo/Boohoo Coffee Hour

PTL is hosting a **Yahoo/Boohoo Coffee Hour** on the first day of School Tues., Sept. 6th. Join your student in Chapel and then come enjoy muffins & coffee in the Parish Hall after the students head back to class!

Storyhour

Storyhour for preschool children Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the nursery beginning Sept. 6th. Everyone welcome – just show up, no need to register.

Quilting

Everyone is welcome to join the quilting ladies and help tie off quilts and cut material squares every Tuesday from 12-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience needed!

Scrapbooking

Sat., September 10th 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!

September 11th Fellowship Events

We have a couple of great fellowship events planned on September 11th!

Staff Welcome

First, we will **welcome back our teachers and staff** between services. If you are able to help provide cookies or muffins, please contact Carmin List or Angie Ayotte.

Potluck

Then, after second service (12:15ish) we will be having a **"Knock Your Socks Off and Fill Your Tummy" potluck**. Drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, your own tableware, and any games you want to play. Invite your family and friends and come together as a family for Sunday dinner, fun, and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, September 16th

Essential Oils

"Back to School with Young Living"
Thurs., Sept. 15th at 6:30PM in the Multi-purpose room.

HOW DO YOU PRAY?---

When your son is seriously injured in a car accident...
When your sister is diagnosed with cancer...
When a loved one unexpectedly dies...
When your husband loses his job...
When your baby needs major surgery...
When your daughter is struggling with an ugly divorce...
All of us face these critical situations at various times. That is why all members of the congregation are invited to join the Stephen Ministers on Mon., Sept. 12, from 7-8pm in the Projects Room for insights into praying when the crises of life are overwhelming. Our guest speaker will be Prayer Warrior, missionary, and coach: Pastor Robert Smith, author of *"Keep Me From Evil, Harm, and Fear."* Questions? Call the church office 871-4581.

Mark Your October Calendars!

Fall Festival

St. Paul's Fall Festival is fast approaching!
Sat., October 1st from 9-5
Kids Games, Silent Auction, Entertainment,
Food and Vendors!
Flu Shots and Blood Drive
Come and support our school!

Help is needed to run our Fall Festival. Call Angie Ayotte 989-882-9373 Please help where you can.

Stephen Ministry Training Class

GIFTED TO CARE! Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use your spiritual gifts? If those gifts include one or more of the following: faith, mercy, teaching the faith, or encouragement---consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for! An accelerated, 50 hr. Training Class will be starting at 7pm on Mon., Oct. 3rd at St. Paul. Questions? Contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Laurel Woodward 871-4969, Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280, Dianne Weber 823-7617, or the office 871-4581.

Scrapbooking Fun Day

Sponsored by the St. Paul Board of Social Concerns
Sat., October 29th from 9AM-9PM in the Parish Hall
Cost: \$35.00

There will be food, drinks and prizes. This is a fundraiser to support the Board of Social Concerns. The board offers support to members in need of monetary help, spiritual help, and guidance and also helps minister to our community and surrounding areas.

Please contact Jan McKee at 989-475-2091 to RSVP or for questions. Please mail registration to St. Paul Lutheran Church or bring to the church office with checks made payable to St. Paul. Thank you!

CEF / Area News

Church Extension Fund News Estate Planning

The IRA Charitable Rollover is Back! The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) permitted individuals to roll over up to \$100,000 from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred as income. The initial provision expired and has been extended several times. On December 18, 2015, the PATH Act was signed into law making this special provision permanent.

Who can benefit from this new law? · Donors age 70 1/2 and older · Donors who don't usually itemize deductions · Donors that don't need RMD distributions but make annual Charitable Gifts · Donors who may benefit from IRA Charitable Distributions not being counted as income for state income tax purposes · Donors whose charitable contributions are reduced by the itemized deduction reduction · Donors who may lose substantial value of IRAs passed to (non-spousal) heirs due to estate and income taxes.

People may be encouraged to liquidate these accounts during their lifetimes or designate a charity/ministry beneficiary upon death. It may be a way to make a difference during your lifetime by transferring IRA funds to charity/ministry without triggering taxes on the withdrawal. Please work with your professional advisers to determine the effect of these rules on your specific tax situation. While this new law can only be used under specific circumstances, all of us can benefit from Christian Estate Planning.

How would you like your lifetime of assets distributed when you are gone? Does anyone know what your wishes are? The default beneficiary of your estate is the immediate family-your spouse and children. Do your children expect to receive an inheritance from you? Would they miss a percentage of your estate going to your favorite ministry when you are called home? Without a Will or Revocable Living Trust, state Probate statutes don't provide the option of leaving a Legacy Gift to ministry or charity. Take the time to communicate your wishes by completing or updating your Estate Planning documents. Eighty percent of adults give a gift to charity/ministry each year, but closer to five percent include a Planned Gift from their estate. Consider including your favorite ministries in your prayerfully thought out Christian Estate Plan.

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Area News

See the glass case in narthex for more details.

"Manhood, womanhood, gender identity, same-sex marriage, abortion, living together before marriage..." these are all issues which confront the Christian in today's culture. What insight does Scripture bring to these issues? Who does God say that I am? What does this mean? Please join us on Tues., Sept. 20th at Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty Road, Saginaw, 48603. Linda Bartlett (past president of National Lutherans For Life) will address the topic *The Failure of Sex Education...Mistaken Identity, Compromised Purity*. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm. This event will also include a panel of local Lutheran pastors for a 'Question and Answer Christian Dialogue' session. Light refreshments will be served.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend Fri., Sept. 30th – Sun., Oct. 2nd in Battle Creek. This retreat guarantees better and more loving communication between you and your spouse. To register, go to godlovesmarriage.org or for questions, call Pastor Ed & Emily Kast at 989-791-4172 or email edemkast@sbcglobal.net.

Bethlehem Lutheran School is looking for a Part-Time Title 1 Teacher. Current Michigan teaching certificate required. Michigan State Background Screening Required. 5-7 hours weekly. If interested, please contact Dr. Nicole Frederick at 989-755-114 ext. 212, or send your resume to nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org.

Bethlehem Lutheran School is looking for a Long-Term Substitute Custodian for approximately 6 weeks - 20 hours weekly. Michigan State Background Screening Required. If interested, please contact Dr. Nicole Frederick at 989-755-1144 ext. 212.

Bible Sale

The CPH Bible Sale is going on now! If you want to order a Lutheran Study Bible now is the time. They are also available in large print or a new compact size. The order form is on the table in the narthex and has many options available. Place your order by September 18th in order to meet the deadline. Payment can be made when the orders come in. If questions, please call the church office.



Dorcas LWML News

Fran Carnet and Jan McKee attended the 36th Biennial LWML State Convention that was held in Boyne Falls, MI in July. There were 671 attendees, 135 of those were first time attendees.

The theme of this year's convention was "Chosen to Bear Lasting Fruit." There were many wonderful speakers that reminded us that God CHOSE us to bear everlasting fruit, and when we are chosen by God, He blesses us with all the resources to bless others.

Representing the Franconian Zone as voting delegates, they helped approve 12 grants to missions here in Michigan and around the world totaling \$235,000 to be collected through the LWML mites. As delegates, Fran and Jan also voted for the new officers at the state level.

They also participated in servant projects throughout the 3 day convention where there were 10 homeless mats, 1,102 witness bracelets, 472 soap savers, and 340 bandage wrappings made, along with 74 Bibles marked for prison ministries. They also collected 20,000 diapers & wipes for Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City and the pregnancy center in Traverse City, and gift cards totaling \$5,720 for seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis.

Consider joining Jan and Fran at the next State Convention in Port Huron, July 2018. Until then, they invite you to the next Dorcas meeting in the Parish Hall on Tues., Sept. 20th at 6PM.



Fran and Jan with the Franconian District Banner that will hang at the Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint.

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Serve & Volunteer / Memorials / / Misc.

Opportunities to Serve & Volunteer

Diaper Drive

The Board of Social Concerns is holding a **Baby and Adult Diaper Drive** to help replenish the Millington Food Bank. All diapers and supplies (wipes, lotion, powder) are welcome! Please place at baby dresser in the Narthex until Sunday, September 11th.

Rescue Mission

Every month **we have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus** by preparing and serving meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw-must be 14 or older. Our next opportunity will be September 10th. Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and we finish before 2PM. If you are willing to help any month, please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280. Thank you.

Sunday School teachers are needed!

At this time, we do not have anyone to teach Pre K/ Kindergarten. Lessons will be planned and supplies included. High schoolers are welcome and you can also teach part time if needed. Call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 or the church office if interested.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all the men who came to the "Men of the Mission" steak fry and bonfire! A great time was had by all! We had over 35 gentlemen show for our first event. Plans are being made for future events.

Would you consider opening your hearts...

to families who want their children to receive a St. Paul Christian education but perhaps cannot afford the rising costs? The "**Grantparent**" Program is designed to ease the financial burden for struggling parents, but it is in need of ongoing funds. If you are able to help financially to continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please prayerfully follow God's "nudging" by contacting the school office. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

Master Calendar Scheduling

Please remember – if you need to book the Parish Hall, Activity Center, or room for an event, practice, or meeting, check with the church office to be sure it is available. Also remember to turn off all lights and electronics before leaving the building. Thank you!

Reminder to All Boards

Please check your board mailbox in the Council Room weekly. This is a way for our parishioners, staff, and other board members to communicate with you. There may also be invoices for you to sign before bills can be paid. Another friendly reminder: The deadline to submit articles or advertise for an event in the bulletin is Thursday by 10AM; Messenger deadline is the 15th of every month. Items can be brought to the church office or emailed to church.office@spmill.org. Thank you!

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Rudy Petzold

General Fund	\$800.00
Building Fund	\$655.00
East Parking Lot Paving	\$ 15.00

IN MEMORY OF our parents Arno & Marian Keinath and Paul & Viola Hunt

East Parking Lot Paving	\$40,000.00
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IN MEMORY OF Ralph Ferber

General Fund	\$145.00
East Parking Lot Paving	\$ 15.00

IN MEMORY OF Ralph & Edna Ferber

General Fund	\$200.00
East Parking Lot Paving	\$ 50.00

GIFT TO Seminarian Fund - Tim Kern

	\$10,000.00
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GIFT FOR First Grade Story Bibles

	\$ 50.00
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IN HONOR OF Larry Keinath's 70th birthday

General Fund	\$ 25.00
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IN MEMORY OF Carol Mays

General Fund	\$ 20.00
St. Paul School	\$360.00

Board Elections

All Board Elections are coming in November. A Nominating Committee will be formed, but if you have had an interest in any certain area and would like to serve on a board, please call the church office.

Did You Know?

You can have your church offerings electronically deposited from your account. Simply complete the "**Excel in Giving**" enrollment form specifying the amounts and frequency of payments. Forms can be found in the narthex or church office. Call the church office if questions.

Daily Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2016 Daily Lectionary: <u>LSB</u> pp. 299-304	The Epistle readings for Sunday - September 11, 18, and 25 are from 1 Timothy. Notes from: http://concordiatheology.org/2013/09/proper-19-%E2%80%A2-1-timothy-15-11-12-17-%E2%80%A2-september-15-2013/					
<u>4</u> 2 Ki 2:1-18 Eph 4:1-24 Ps 90:13-17	<u>5</u> 2 Ki 2:19-25; 4:1-17 Eph 4:2 -- 5:14 Ps 56:8-13	<u>6</u> 2 Ki 4:8-22, 32-37 Eph 5:15-33 Ps 127	<u>7</u> 2 Ki 4:38 -- 5:8 Eph 6:1-24 Ps 131	<u>8</u> 2 Ki 5:9-27 Php 1:1-20 Ps 71:12-16	<u>9</u> 2 Ki 6:1-23 Php 1:21 -- 2:11 Ps 61	<u>10</u> 2 Ki 9:1-13; 10:18-29 Php 2:12-30 Ps 58:1-8
<u>11</u> 2 Ch 29:1-24 Php 3:1-21 Ps 44:1-8	<u>12</u> 2 Ch 31:1-21 Php 4:1-23 Ps 94:12-15	<u>13</u> 2 Ch 32:1-21 Col 1:1-23 Ps 27:7-13	<u>14</u> 2 Ch 33:1-25 Col 1:24 -- 2:7 Ps 38:6-16	<u>15</u> 2 Ch 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 Col 2:8-23 Ps 1	<u>16</u> 2 Ch 35:1-7, 16-25 Col 3:1-25 Ps 108:1-6	<u>17</u> 2 Ch 36:1-23 Col 4:1-18 Ps 130
<u>18</u> Ne 1:1 -- 2:10 1 Tm 1:1-20 Ps 118:5-14	<u>19</u> Ne 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Tm 2:1-15 Ps 136:1-9	<u>20</u> Ne 4:7-23 1 Tm 3:1-16 Ps 46	<u>21</u> Ne 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 1 Tm 4:1-16 Ps 55:12-19	<u>22</u> Ne 7:1-4; 8:1-18 1 Tm 5:1-16 Ps 133	<u>23</u> Ne 9:1-21 1 Tm 5:17 -- 6:2 Ps 51:5-13	<u>24</u> Ne 9:22-38 1 Tm 6:3-21 Ps 123
<u>25</u> Mal 1:1-14 Mt 3:1-17 Ps 51:5-13	<u>26</u> Mal 2:1 -- 3:5 Mt 4:1-11 Ps 16	<u>27</u> Mal 3:6 -- 4:6 Mt 4:12-25 Ps 91:9-16	<u>28</u> Dt 1:1-18 Mt 5:1-20 Ps 145:17-21	<u>29</u> Dt 1:19-36 Mt 5:21-48 Ps 19:7-14	<u>30</u> Dt 1:37 -- 2:15 Mt 6:1-15 Ps 119:161-168	

Proper 19 • 1 Timothy 1:(5-11) 12-17 • 17th Sunday after Pentecost -- By William W. Schumacher

In the shorter reading Paul offers himself as a living example of the saving mercy of God in Christ. Paul admits that he was anything but "faithful." But Christ is the one who gives Paul strength, who decided to use Paul for ministry (or service, "diakonia" in v. 12). The same Christ now keeps displaying his perfect patience using Paul as an example. The emphasis is constantly on Christ and his mercy, grace, patience—in short, on his salvation. Paul's unworthiness, though real enough, fades into the background and serves only to glorify Christ's mercy. Paul's new post-conversion obedience is also not the point; now Christ takes center stage and does everything that matters.

In the longer reading (beginning with v. 5), Paul's graphic list of the kind of sinful people for whom the law is intended (especially vv. 9-10) may capture the spotlight in our understanding, making us more concerned about various kinds of really horrible human sin than about God's "overflowing" (v. 14) and "trustworthy" (v. 15) gospel promise. Today we may be sensitized by public and political debate over matters such as homosexuality and abortion. Our attitude may resonate to the old parody of a hymn: "Chief of sinners though I be / you-know-who is worse than me!" And "you-know-who" can easily be identified with proponents of gay marriage, or politicians who vote for late-term abortions, or whatever villains are the focus of the current insatiable news cycle.

A comparison between sinners to decide which is "worse" is certainly not the point Paul wants us to grasp, but once we entertain such a comparison, we may not readily be convinced that Paul, the former blasphemer and "insolent opponent," really is in any sense "foremost" of the sinners that Christ came into the world to save (v. 15). The murderers, fornicators, perjurers, human traffickers, etc. all seem much, much worse by our modern standards than Paul's pre-conversion behavior. It is too tempting for us, perhaps, to gloss quickly over the merely religious (!) sins of unbelief and blasphemy and condemn the really egregious and wicked violations of the commandments of the second table of the law. And yet Paul confesses himself as the "foremost" (literally "first") sinner, and we should not discount his words as mere hyperbole or modesty. Our contemporary estimates of which sins are "worse" are frequently distorted or just plain wrong. Paul's unbelief and opposition to Christ and his followers were horrible, damning sins against the first and second commandments.

We should also be wary of locating Paul's sins simply in his pre-conversion life. Paul does not thank the Lord that he is no longer such a bad sinner as he was before. He does not say, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I was the foremost," but rather "of whom I am the foremost." The verb tense is present, and the pronoun is emphatic. We must not imagine that mercy, grace, and salvation were simply past necessities that corrected Paul's previous ignorance and let him start over. The saving mercy of Christ Jesus our Lord is the present and continuous reality in which Paul now lives and serves as "exhibit A" of Christ's perfect patience. The same present reality of sin—and even more of God's grace—comes through in Romans 7, where Paul writes about his struggle with the sin that still clings to him, but rejoices in victory in Christ.

Recall what the Law is for (v. 9) and what "the glorious Gospel" (v. 11) does and shows. The Law reveals and condemns sins in all its horror and vileness. The Gospel shows us Christ: his mercy, his patience, his forgiveness, his absolutely trustworthy promise of salvation and eternal life. With such a clear, unwavering focus on Jesus Christ, no room is left to quibble about greater or lesser sins. My own sins are the worst, for only those can damn me. Thanks be to Christ who saves sinners—even me! No prizes go to the "first" of sinners: all honor and glory belong to the only God, the King of ages, forever and ever. There's no time for breast-beating in the midst of such a doxology.

Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Sextons

September	3rd/4th	10th/11th	17th/18th	24th/25th
Acolytes				
7:30PM		Conner MacKay	Zac & Jeff Yorke	Christian Kennedy
8:30AM	Joshua & Justin Allen	Paige & Matt Ayotte	Kirsten Skouson	Ethan & Emma Hoard
11AM		Brandon & Mark Rude	Alden & Jay Rodammer	Danielle & Matt Ayotte
Screen Tech				
7:30PM	Christian Kennedy	Jasmine Brandle	Christian Kennedy	Zac Yorke
8:30AM	Eddie Meeks	Singers	Joshua Allen	Maylynn Wager
11AM	Isabel Ketels	Ayottes	Brandon Rude	Julie Keinath
Greeters				
7:30PM	Shelli Lugg	Betty Bleuer	Laura Sherman	
8:30AM	Shirley Petzold	Ken & Kathy Ill	Natalie Smith	
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Keith & Heidi Woolwine	Jason & Heather Jones
Subs	Denise Miller	Sherry Sebert		

Ushers

8:30AM Service

Captain – Dwight Keinath
 Assistant– Michael Albert
 Ken Auerhammer
 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
 Randy Wolverton
 Bryan Wilson Jr.

7:30PM Service

Captain – Jim Jaruzel
 Don Bierlein

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM -
 8:30AM - Mary White
 11AM - Bonnie Wittum

Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte
 Ted & Katrina Wager
 Rod & Nancy Wilson
 Ed & Marcia Keinath

Thank you to our many volunteers who give their time to help with the worship services. May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul. You are appreciated!

Birthday Celebrations

Bryan Bassett	9/1	Clyde Sergeant	9/10	Justin Allen	9/25
Carly Ehrmantraut	9/1	Cal Smith	9/10	Elizabeth Ehrmantraut	9/25
Grace Ehrmantraut	9/1	Richard Wiacek	9/10	Hailey ILL	9/25
Carrie Mallard	9/1	Samantha Aguirre	9/11	Hannah ILL	9/25
Jeremy McTaggart	9/1	Nancy Fritz	9/11	Wilfred Alvord IV	9/26
Breanna Michael	9/1	Lana Glady	9/11	Brandy Bodeis	9/26
Diane Blue	9/2	Kathy Kirby	9/11	Daniel Daenzer	9/26
Tyler French	9/2	Ronny Pavlicek	9/11	Diane MacKay	9/26
Cassandra Pappenfuss	9/2	Kristina Hibbard	9/12	Bradley O'Hearn	9/26
Marvin Schreiber	9/2	Katelyn Kaschner	9/12	Stephan Paquette	9/26
Katie Wiacek	9/2	Barbara Kauer	9/12	Shye Ruppel	9/26
Gordon Laplow	9/3	Eric Farnsworth	9/13	Michael Blue	9/27
Addison Pashby	9/3	Mellicha Gleason	9/13	Heather Frahm	9/27
Shirley Snyder	9/3	Amy Hanlin	9/13	Jaelynn Gross	9/27
Benjamin Weber	9/3	Hannah Keinath	9/13	Reese Inman	9/27
Emily DeOrnellas	9/4	Gabriella Laplow	9/13	Gail Lugg	9/27
Trevor Gleason	9/4	Luann Licavoli	9/13	Denise Sherman	9/27
Cody Higgins	9/4	Jason Wirsing	9/13	Duane Weber	9/27
Bridget Marks	9/4	Nicole Engelhart	9/14	Kenneth Auernhammer	9/28
Rhonda McGraw	9/4	Dianne Petzold	9/14	James Flach	9/28
Ethan Murphy	9/4	Pierce Force	9/15	Susan Flach	9/28
Janette Reinert	9/4	Sterling Force	9/15	Tammi Laplow	9/28
Crystal Wates	9/4	Janeen Witmer	9/15	Kendall Leach	9/28
Samantha Ayotte	9/5	Jessica Harpst	9/16	Ryan Ramsey	9/28
Mitchell Curtis	9/5	Cheyenne Isetts	9/16	Monica Russell	9/28
Kristin Erdman	9/5	Joshua Minnock	9/16	Shane Brandle	9/29
Stacie Farnsworth	9/5	Molly Pattinson	9/16	Nancy Coleman	9/29
Pamela Hanlin	9/5	Deborah Porter	9/16	Sam Licavoli II	9/29
Larry Henderson	9/5	Donnise Reinert	9/16	Bret Meier	9/29
Luanne Jaruzel	9/5	Audrey Wilson	9/16	Nicholas Reyna	9/29
Jennifer Mays	9/5	Alyze Davis	9/17	Andrea Cassidy	9/30
Gregory Mohr	9/5	Susan ILL	9/17	Amanda Hecht	9/30
Marvin Rodemsky	9/5	Tracee Jones	9/17	Christina Hiles	9/30
Diane Williams	9/5	Judith Pletcher	9/17	Jacob Holtsberry	9/30
Jeffrey Yorke	9/5	Nila Schmandt	9/17	Krystal Hudie	9/30
Clemens ILL	9/6	Bobby White	9/17	Martha Jensen	9/30
Rebecca Meier	9/6	Clyde Pletcher	9/18	Sharon Keinath	9/30
John Nitz	9/6	Tedd Burton	9/19	Jared Petzold	9/30
Elaira Pashby	9/6	Steven Daniel	9/20	Jade Rodammer	9/30
David Weber	9/6	Denise Hoard	9/20	Cynthia Wilson	9/30
Kaitlyn Woolwine	9/6	Steven Kern	9/20		
Todd Ames	9/7	Alden Rodammer	9/20		
Caleb Beyette	9/7	Ronna Bearss	9/21		
Katie Burleson	9/7	Joan Benish	9/21		
Andrea Decker	9/7	Arianna Casto	9/21		
Bruce Edler	9/7	Angel Gleason	9/21		
Eric Hutchinson	9/7	Darwin Hecht	9/21		
Beth ILL	9/7	William Hoard	9/21		
Mason Lyons	9/7	Kenneth Platt	9/21		
Mariah Steepe	9/7	Vonice Reed	9/21		
Nelson Watchpocket	9/7	Raymond Reinert	9/21		
Alissa Anderson	9/8	Dale Blue	9/22		
Garrett Brady	9/8	Lori Brueggemann	9/22		
Marci Draper	9/8	Corey Daenzer	9/22		
Cody Goodhue	9/8	Veronica Horning	9/22		
Madison Jones	9/8	William Bretzloff	9/23		
Derrick Keinath	9/8	Brook Husted	9/23		
Austin Steepe	9/8	Autumn Okorowski	9/23		
Kaleb Meier	9/9	Ezra Ostrander	9/23		
McKenna Peche	9/9	Thomas Devereaux	9/24		
Darrell Smith	9/9	Danyel Dormire	9/24		
Jeffrey Draper	9/10	Emelyn Gleason	9/24		
Logan Figgins	9/10	Emma Hoard	9/24		
Marcus Jensen Sr.	9/10	Raymon Hoard	9/24		
Alyssa Keinath	9/10	Kenneth McKee	9/24		
Michael McTaggart	9/10	Heather Petzold	9/24		
Anthony Perez	9/10	Sarah Schwab	9/24		



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 6:15PM Praise Team 7:15PM Evangelism	2	3 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7:30PM Worship
4 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study 11AM Worship 6-8PM High School Youth	5 Labor Day Offices Closed	6 1 st Day of School YaHoo/BooHoo Coffee Hour following Chapel 7PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	7 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7PM Council	8 6:15PM Praise Team	9 7AM Breakfast Club at MHS hosted by St. Paul	10 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 7:30PM Worship +C
11 8:30AM Worship <i>Teacher Dedication/Faculty Choir</i> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School Staff Welcome 11AM Worship +C 12PM Potluck 6PM Trustees 6-8PM High School Youth 8th graders leave for DC	12 7PM -Stephen Ministry -Handbells	13 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM Heroes AA	14 6:53PM Choir	15 6PM PTL Meeting 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Back to School with Essential Oils	16 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	17 10:30AM Brass Practice 7:30PM Worship
18 <i>Church Choir and All School Children Sing Service of Choice</i> 8:30AM Worship +C 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School 11AM Worship Contemporary 6-8PM High School Youth	19 7PM -Salary & Pers. -Handbells	20 6PM Dorcas 6PM PTL Internet Safety 7:30PM AA	21 6:53PM Choir	22 6:15PM Praise Team	23 6PM Rehearsal	24 3PM Wedding Nicholas Tolbert & Meagan Bailey 7:30PM Worship +C
25 8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School 11AM Worship +C Contemporary 6-8PM High School Youth	26 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	27 6:30PM Digits Math Night 7:30PM AA	28 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	29 6:15PM Praise Team	30	

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Philippians 4:6-7

We are looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growing and strengthening friendships...especially with our best friend, JESUS as well as finding ways to sing God's truths in this world where He has placed us. Our school theme verse for the year reminds us that God is always with us and we need to lean on Him in all situations. *“ Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7.*

As we step forward into the new school year, God has blessed us with Mr. Paul Schoenknecht as our principal and three new teachers. Here is a bit about each of them. Mrs. Christina Petzold will be teaching Kindergarten. Mrs. Petzold is a St. Paul Lutheran School alumnus. She is married to Jake Petzold and the couple has been blessed with two children, Max and Jack. Mrs. Petzold graduated from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI and has served her Lord as a teacher for six years. In her spare time she likes biking and Zumba.

Our next teacher is Ms. Alberta Guralczyk. She will be teaching Art and computer classes. She has been blessed with two sons Alexander and Adam. Ms. Guralczyk graduated from the University of Michigan and has her Masters Degree from Walden University. Ms. Guralczyk has been teaching for 26 years. In her spare time, Ms. Guralczyk loves being on her hobby farm. She loves to be with her animals, dogs Arete', POCO and Adonis, as well as her cats Asia and Celia. Ms. Guralczyk's passion is Art.

Our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Bach is also a St. Paul Lutheran School alumnus. She went to Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI and has her Masters Degree from Oakland University. Mrs. Bach has taught a total of 22 years. Mrs. Bach has been blessed with three children Madeline (16), Aidan (13) and Emmett (10). When she has the opportunity, Mrs. Bach likes to run, scrapbook, read and watch the Detroit Tigers.

We welcome these three women to the St. Paul family and look forward to having a chance to speak with them during the special welcome that will happen between services on September 11 after all of the teachers will be installed/ rededication into their positions.

We also have the privilege to welcome some new students and their families to the St. Paul Lutheran School family.

- Kindergarten** Kolby Burkowski, Brynn Burrows, Claire Burrows, and Tyler Rondy
- Third Grade** Kieran Ehrhardt
- Seventh Grade** Reese Ehrhardt and Bradey Urban
- Eighth Grade** Jordan Branch

There are many events planned for the month; here are the dates to mark:



- Sept. 6 First Day of School , Chapel Service and Parent Coffee Hour
- Sept. 11 Teacher Rededication & Installation; teacher welcome between services
- Sept. 11-16 8th Grade Washington D.C Trip
- Sept. 15 P.T.L. Meeting at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Constitution Day
- Sept. 20 P.T.L. Internet Safety Presentation at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 27 6-8th Grade Digits Math Night at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Spartan Super Sprint (during the school day)

Mark your October calendars for the **6th Annual Millington Fall Festival : Oct. 1** from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. There will be craft booths, silent auction, concessions, & a family fun zone. **See you there!**



September Sports

Girl's Volleyball all games are at 4:30 p.m.

- Sept. 7 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 8 with CTK, Sebawaing
- Sept. 19 at St. Michael's, Richville
- Sept. 20 at St. Paul, Flint
- Sept. 22 with St. Paul, Lapeer
- Sept. 27 with Trinity-Trost, Frankentrost
- Sept. 24 Valley Lutheran A-team Tournament TBA



School Musical Opportunities



- Sept. 11 Faculty Choir 8:30 a.m.
- All students K-8 Sept. 25 choice of Service



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take the moment
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