



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

February 2017

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. James Bruner
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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 Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
A school parent spoke to me the other day and said something wonderful. "We are so glad that we sent [our child] to St. Paul. It was the best decision we ever made." Those words are very revealing. This parent's words could be paraphrased as, "I love St. Paul Lutheran."

In another conversation with a follower of Jesus from St. Paul, the topic of worship came up. We wondered how we could encourage others to be faithful in worship rather than make it some kind of law. There are various reasons people do not attend, but we concluded the only reason **to** attend is love. God shares His love with us through powerful words¹ and the giving of gifts². Second, we love God and want to spend time with Him. Making the effort or sacrifice to attend worship is not a requirement or an obligation, but it is an action of love.

In Luke 7:36-50, a woman shows her love for Jesus. Her action is in response to God's great love for her.

It is my prayer that our hearts will overflow with the same attitude. "I love St. Paul Lutheran. This is where God reminds me of His love. I want to express my love back to Him."

"Your faith [Your Jesus] has saved you; go in peace." Lk. 7:50

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

Rev. James R. Bruner

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11

1. In the Absolution, God says He loves us and forgives us of all that separates us from Him.
2. The gift of forgiveness is delivered through the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Altar.



The February Messenger is sponsored in honor of Lela Higgins on her 90th birthday.

Spiritual News

9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

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

Psalms – Led by Pastor Bruner in the library. “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” Eph. 5:19a We all face a variety of situations in life. This Bible Study will look at the book of ***Psalms*** and how they speak to us and others. Learn what ***Psalms*** can be helpful in talking to someone else as they face good and bad situations. Discover how God wants to speak to us and bring us hope in Jesus, so we can “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” Eph. 5:19b

Bible Study - Joshua had some big shoes to fill. Moses had led the Jews out of Egypt and through the wilderness. Joshua proved to be more than capable. He was fearless. He didn't follow in Moses' footsteps. He followed God. What was his secret? How did Joshua live so fearlessly? Come and grow with us as we are taught and led by the same God who led Joshua. Fearlessly find us in the **Projects Room**. Bring a Bible and a friend or find Godly friends and a supplied Bible. This Bible study is for **all** of God's children—of every age—children and adults, families, singles—any and all!

Other Bible Studies

Daily Lectionary

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

Men's Morning Bible Study

Sat., February 4th, 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., February 14th at 7:30PM in the Library.

Scripture Readings

February 5th

Isaiah 58: 3-9
1Corinthians 2: 1-12
Matthew 5: 13-20

February 12th

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37

February 19th

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18
1 Corinthians 3: 10-23
Matthew 5: 38-48

February 26th

Exodus 24: 8-18
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9

February Meetings

Social Concerns

Wed., February 1st at 6:30PM

Council

Wed., February 1st at 7:30PM

Evangelism

Thurs., February 2nd at 7:15PM

Voters' Meeting

Sun., February 12th at 1:30PM

Trustees

Sun., February 12th following Voters

Stephen Ministry

Mon., February 13th & 27th at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., February 14th at 6PM

Dorcas

Tues. February 21st at 6PM

Elders

Wed., February 22nd at 7:30PM



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Feb. 5th - "Nothing But Jesus!" 1 Cor. 2:1-16

Feb. 12th - "Here's to Life!" Deut. 30:15-20

Feb. 19th "Love Your Enemies--Jesus Does!" Matt. 5:38-48

Feb. 26th - "Guilt's Gone" 1 Cor. 6:9-11

Music



Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

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

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Storyhour

Storyhour for preschoolers Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the nursery. Everyone welcome – 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!

Painting Class

Tuesdays from 6-8PM in the Projects Room

Get Fit

Tuesdays at 6:15PM in the Library

AA Meetings

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

The Gathering

Wed., Feb. 1st & 15th

The Gathering – from 7-8PM in the Chapel. Join together every 1st & 3rd Wednesday as we draw close to God through the Word, Prayer, and Praise. Questions-call Kenny McKee 810-577-2325 or 871-2666.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is a great opportunity for high school students to hear a devotion and get free breakfast every Friday at 7AM at the Millington High School. St. Paul is on a rotating host schedule with five other groups and we are hosting **Friday, Feb. 3rd**. To help offset the cost, we could use donations of **soft flour taco shells, ground sausage, eggs, orange juice, and chocolate milk**. Any amount will be helpful – or monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Another easy way to volunteer is by preparing the breakfast. We will have the food items, you just need to cook it, have it ready and to the high school by 7AM. If you can spare an hour or so, please call the church office. Thank you!

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, February 10th

Scrapbooking

Sat., February 11th 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@spsmill.org. **SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME...JESUS MAKES MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

Voters' Meeting

Sun., Feb. 12th at 1:30PM.

Everyone is encouraged to attend – only voting members are able to vote.

Craft Fun Day

Sat., Feb. 18th from 9AM-9PM in the Parish Hall Sponsored by the Millington Ministerial Alliance – This is the 3rd Annual Crop fundraiser to support the MMA, which is made up of seven local churches who offer support to those in need of monetary help with evictions or shut off notices. Cost is \$35.00 and includes food, drinks, and prizes. Bring any craft you enjoy! Mail registration and payment by Feb. 15th to: MMA c/o Jan McKee, 3836 Brown Rd., Millington, MI 48746. Make checks payable to St. Paul.

"Here We Stand"

St Paul will be hosting an informational meeting for the **"Here We Stand" campaign** on Feb. 19th at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall. We will serve a light lunch and Ray Zavada will lead the meeting. The Michigan District is raising funds for four ministries in conjunction with the 500th anniversary of the reformation. Call Tim Sergent at 810-223-1604, for more information.

Sate the Date!

St. Paul Lutheran School Presents
2nd Annual Evening of Denim & Diamonds



Sat., March 18, 2017



5-11:30PM

at the Vassar Golf Course & Banquet Center

New this year

Our very own Melissa Hager as our Emcee

*Uniquely made silent auction items.

*Diamond Dig featuring large have to have items!

*Live auction art projects created by students of St. Paul and auctioned off by Kip Keinath.

*Dinner catered by Vassar Golf Course.

*Entertainment provided by The Beets Band.

Come dressed to impress in your most elegant Denim.

No Sneakers!

\$40.00 per person / \$75.00 a couple

\$350.00 Diamond table of 10

Contact Carmin List 989-233-9701

with any questions or to help in any way.

Financial / CEF / Board Info / Grant

CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

New mortgage balance as of 12/31/16: \$915,196.07

-- Interest Rate = 2.25%

-- Next Maturity Date = 01/01/2020

-- Debt free date if nothing changes = Oct. 2022

-- Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00

Principal - \$12,357.98

Interest - \$1,777.02

What could we do with an extra \$14,000 each month?

Imagine how that amount could be used each month to provide ministry through SPL.

Let's look at possible options to pay off the mortgage early!

Jul – Nov General Fund Income:	\$ 442,828.88
Jul – Nov General Fund Expenses:	(\$ 390,166.34)
FY Year-to-date surplus:	\$ 52,662.54
Checkbook balance as of 11/30/16:	\$ 246,467.96
Designated & Memorial Obligation:	(\$ 266,066.27)
Our Deficit:	(\$ 19,598.31)

Did You Know?

You can have your church offerings electronically withdrawn from your checking or savings account in intervals of your choosing? "Excel in Giving" information is available in the narthex and church office. The enrollment form is located in the wall organizer outside the bookkeeper's office.

Aesthetic Grant Program

We received a flyer from the Church Extension Fund (CEF) advising us they have funds available to beautify the church and school!

The funds are in the form of a reimbursement grant up to \$2,000 per congregation, *plus* an additional 10% of the amount expended over the initial grant of \$2,000. Maximum grant per congregation is \$20,000.

What does that mean in English? If approved, CEF will reimburse the church at 100% for expenditures up to \$2,000. Anything over \$2,000 they'll throw in an additional 10%. Say we have a project that costs \$5,000: CEF will reimburse the initial \$2,000 plus another \$300 for a total of \$2,300.

The grant program is designed for cosmetic facility improvements – not maintenance.

This grant program expires 12/31/17 so we have some time. Please let a Trustee know what type of enhancement you'd like to see in the church and/or school so we can bring ideas to the Voter's Meetings.

Church Worker Fund

Our church pledges \$1,000.00 annually to each St. Paul member studying for church work. We currently have two members going into the ministry. To help offset the cost, this year's **Easter Breakfast proceeds** will go toward this Church Worker Fund. If you would also like to contribute to this fund, please place donation in an envelope marked "**Church Worker Fund**" and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office. Thank you!

Carnation Sale

The school office is selling **Carnations for Valentine's Day** starting the weekend of February 4th. Carnations are \$1.50 each or \$15 a dozen and will be delivered on Feb. 14th. Joyce Wager will be at all services and between services the weekends of Feb. 4/5 & 11/12 if anyone is interested in ordering a flower to be sent to someone special. You can also order before school or from the school office. If questions, Joyce can be reached at 989-871-2995 – please leave a message if no answer.

Reminder to All Boards

With the new year here, we have new board members too. Please remember to fill out a **Board Information Sheet** and return to the church office. You will find a **Board Tool Box Booklet** in your mailbox in the Council Room to assist you throughout the year. Remember to 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 and if you have any questions, feel free to call the church office!

Master Calendar Scheduling

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!

Bookkeeper's Corner / Lent Services

The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

Finance@spmill.org

How many Lutherans does it take to count money that the church receives through offerings? More than you would think!

We have five teams of "**Tellers**" consisting of 4-6 servants of the Lord. One team meets each week – usually following the weekend service. (More often during Advent, Lent, and special occasions!) Each team must separate the envelopes from the change in the plate, open each envelope to ensure the contents match what is written on the front of the envelope, and then ensure the offering is directed to the giver's request (general fund, building fund, mission fund, or special). After the contents are validated, the funds must be tallied up and deposited into the credit union.

Once the deposit is made, all those envelopes that were opened are now directed to a team of "**Bookkeepers**". The bookkeepers take each and every envelope and record the givings in a program called Shepherd's Staff. Each member has an account where the record of your givings is recorded. The end-of-year givings letter is generated from this program. *As you can see, it's vital that you use offering envelopes to properly record your offerings.* The final numbers are balanced back against the Teller numbers.

Side Note: Do you use on-line giving? No problem. We receive your contribution information from the management system which is then recorded into your account within Shepherd's Staff.

Now it's time to balance monies for a third time. The bookkeeper's provide the Bookkeeping Office (me) with the report from Shepherd's Staff. I record all the givings into the respective funds then balance everything with the bank. The Tellers have telled (told?), the bookkeepers have bookkept (bookkept?) and balanced back to the Tellers, and the Bookkeeping Office has balanced to the bank, the bookkeeper, and the tellers. WHEW!

In total, our volunteer staff consists of about 30 people to accomplish this task each month. We are grateful for each and every one of them!

*This year's Lenten theme is:
"Compassion in the Passion"*



This year, our special Lenten theme will look at the "Compassion" God has for all of us. His tremendous love is what motivated Him to endure the suffering or "Passion."

Each week a harmony reading of the Gospels will show us the ways Jesus suffered for us yet how He showed compassion, then and now.

When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane, He suffered greatly. Some of His disciples slept even though He asked for prayer. Judas betrayed Him. A crowd came to arrest Him with clubs and swords.

Nevertheless Jesus showed compassion to His clueless disciples, the Betrayer, and a servant whose ear was cut off.

His compassion is best seen as He interacts with those who put Him on the cross and we whose sins are the reason He suffered. These are only a few of the examples of our Lord's "Compassion in the Passion." Put Lenten worship services in your schedule and receive blessings from God's "Compassion in the Passion."

Worship Services

**March 1st through April 5th
Wednesdays at 4PM**

**Note: We will not be having a 7PM service.

March 1st

Soup & Salad Dinner from 5-6:30PM

Sponsored by the St. Paul Faculty
Proceeds go to the School Assembly Fund

March 22nd

Italian Dinner from 5-6:30PM

Proceeds go to our Valley Lutheran Students

March 29th

Spaghetti Dinner from 5-6:30PM

Sponsored by the Church Choir
Proceeds go toward new Red Record of Fellowship pads.

We are looking for groups to share a meal following the services. This can be any menu you choose and can be used as a fundraiser. Dates available: Mar. 8, 15, & Apr. 5. Call the church office if questions or to pick your date to serve a meal. We look forward to meeting together in worship and following with a meal and fellowship.

Youth News /School News

High School Youth Events

February 5th
Superbowl Party

Watch the Facebook page for details
on all the upcoming events!

Jr. Youth Events

6th - 8th Grade

February 5th
Superbowl Party

All Jr. Youth!

Join us Friday, February 17th
after school from 3-5PM in the
Youth Room for food and fun!
Watch the Facebook page for details.

Jr. Youth Gathering Info



What: 2017 Junior High Gathering – “Nailed It”

Who: Students in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the fall

Where: Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

When: Friday, June 2 – Sunday, June 4, 2017

Theme: “God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.” Col. 2:13b-14

Cost: \$65 plus 2 nights of lodging (\$83 per night) –includes a Gathering t-shirt, 4 meals, and all Gathering activities, speakers, and programming.

Details: Sectionals: held on a variety of topics; Bible study leaders: Rev. Ryan Peterson, and Rev. Bill Yonker; Servant Event: Each church group will have the opportunity to serve in the surrounding area; Musical offering: The Band Swenless

This will be an amazing opportunity for your youth to grow in faith with hundreds of fellow believers! You don't want to miss it!

If interested, please talk to Paul Mueller or the church office.

St. Paul Happenings!

Check out all the activities going on in our school and church. Lots of pictures are on the bulletin board outside the Council Room. They can also be found on our St. Paul Facebook page.

Principal Call

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School has extended a **Call to Paul Schoenknecht** to be our school Principal. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he makes a decision.

School Registration

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

For the past 40 years I have been blessed to serve my Great God in a Christian school. I have been equally blessed to have all 5 of my children attend St. Paul. St. Paul helped my wife and me reinforce the Christian values we instilled in our children. Here they experienced on a daily basis the wonderful gifts of God's love, mercy and grace. They also learned how to share His love with others and to be continually transformed by His Word.

St. Paul also prepared my children with a sound, excellent academic foundation. As they continued their education at Valley Lutheran High School and later at colleges and universities they were able to successfully meet the challenges they encountered due to this foundation.

As we make preparations for the 2017-2018 school year we have the awesome opportunity to welcome children age three through 8th grade to our school family. If your child is or has been enrolled at St. Paul, I encourage you to tell others about us. We are told in 2Cor. 5:20 “We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.” Let's be the hands, feet and voice of our God. For those of you who may have children attending our daycare or latch-key programs but are not students at St. Paul, we invite you to check us out. I would be happy to send you information about our school, arrange for a tour or sit down and answer any questions you may have. Please call the school (871-4581 ext. 4) to set up an appointment or with any questions.

Important dates:

Kindergarten Round-up
March 14th - 8:30AM-6PM

Pre-school Round-up
March 21st - 12PM-6PM

School Registration
June 20th and 22nd - 10PM-7PM

In His service

Paul Schoenknecht

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.

Memorials / Thank You / Serve & Volunteer

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Luella Saeger Designated by Family General Fund	\$600.00 \$70.00
In memory of Barb Mohr General Fund Seminary Fund (Tim Kern)	\$130.00 \$10.00
In honor of my Father and my Mother Grantparent Fund	\$2000.00
In honor of Lela Higgins on her 90th Birthday General Fund	\$25.00
In honor of Marvin Schiefer on his 90th Birthday General Fund	\$10.00
In memory of Ruth Rittmueller General Fund	\$20.00
In memory of Bob & Duane Benish General Fund	\$50.00
Gift to General Fund	\$20.00

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Dear St. Paul Family -
We are truly appreciative for all that was done to commemorate our years of service as church workers. We are especially grateful for the prayers, kind and encouraging words and the opportunity to serve our great God here at St. Paul. May God continue to bless all of you as you use your God given gifts in service to His people.
-Carol Weber and Paul Schoenknecht

Letter from the Bickels

Check out the **Mission bulletin board** in the church hallway to see a new letter from Tim & Julia Bickel.

Altar Flowers

The **2017 Flower Chart** is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for altar flowers, please write your name, phone number, and center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and also calling the church office for your bulletin article. Thank you!

Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for 2017. The cost is now \$75.00 per month. Please call the church office if interested.

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

Craft Supplies

Dorcas Ladies are still crafting! If you have any of the listed items, please bring to the school office or the box in the narthex. Zippers, Icebreaker mint containers, large artificial flowers, key ring circles, ribbon, yarn, lace, plain glass or plastic round ornament bulbs, any type of beads, and any size or color pompons.

Rescue Mission

The second Saturday of 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 date is February 11th. Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and we finish by 2PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for sack lunches. Anyone wishing to help pack lunches may come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Feb. 10th at 1:30PM. If you are willing to help, please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280. Thank you.

Free Trip

The **LWML MI District** is looking for a woman 22-35 years old who would be interested in being nominated to go to the **National LWML Convention** in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 22-25, 2017. All expenses would be paid by the MI District. If interested, call Jan McKee at 989-475-2091.

Altar Guild Opportunities

Communion set up - this is a two Sunday commitment per month that you are signed up for-we also have subs if needed. Jan. & Aug. are available for the 8:30AM service; June for the 11AM service. Someone will show you what to do, and it is a great way to serve God and the congregation. If interested or questions, call Lisa Rodammer 871-6631.

Sports Equipment Donations

Ron & Olga Nims are going on a **Mission Trip** to Grenada and would like to support the village soccer team. They are collecting **used cleats** size 7-11 and **sport goggles**. These items are very expensive in Grenada and the parents cannot afford to buy for their children. Please bring any donations to the church office before Feb. 20th. Thank you!

Coming Soon - Pasties!

The 7th graders will soon be selling pasties to raise money for their Washington D.C. trip next year. To order, find your favorite 7th grader. Watch for more details in the bulletin and school news.

Daily Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary February 2017 LSB – pp. 299-304						
5 Job 2:1 -- 3:10 Jn 1:19-34 Ps 31:1-2, 23-24	6 Job 3:11-26 Jn 1:35-51 Ps 77:1-3,7-12, 15	7 Job 4:1-21 Jn 2:1-12 Ps 4:1-8	8 Job 5:1-27 Jn 2:13-25 Ps 69:1-4, 8-9, 24, 29-30	9 Job 6:1-13 Jn 3:1-21 Ps 23:1-5	10 Job 6:14-30 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6 Ps 38:1-3, 9-11, 21-22	11 Job 7:1-21 Jn 4:7-26 Ps 147:1-3, 6-11
12 Job 8:1-22 Jn 4:27-45 Ps 71:1-6, 17-18	13 Job 9:1-35 Jn 4:46-54 Ps 95:1-7a	14 Job 10:1-22 Jn 5:1-18 Ps 119:153-160	15 Job 11:1-20 Jn 5:19-29 Ps 57:1-5, 8-10	16 Job 12:1-6, 12-25 Jn 5:30-47 Ps 91:1-6, 14-16	17 Job 13:1-12 Jn 6:1-21 Ps 37:25-29	18 Job 13:13-28 Jn 6:22-40 Ps 105:1, 23, 37-43
19 Job 14:1-22 Jn 6:41-59 Ps 53:1-6	20 Job 15:1-23, 30-35 Jn 6:60-71 Ps 16:1, 4-6, 9-11	21 Job 16:1-22 Jn 7:1-13 Ps 84:1-4, 8-12	22 Job 17:1-16 Jn 7:14-31 Ps 25:15-22	23 Job 18:1-21 Jn 7:32-53 Ps 42:1-6a, 9-11	24 Job 19:1-12, 21-27 Jn 8:1-20 Ps 30:1-5, 8-12	25 Job 20:1-23, 29 Jn 8:21-38 Ps 112:1-10
26 Job 21:1-21 Jn 8:39-59 Ps 3:1-8	27 Job 30:16-31 Jn 9:1-23 Ps 146:5-10	28 Job 31:1-12, 33-40 Jn 9:24-41 Ps 66:8-12, 16-20	March 1 Ash Wednesday	Meditation from: <u>A Year in the New Testament</u> , cph, 2010.		

Meditation for February 4 – John 1:1-18

We live in a world filled with words. Which word could be before time began? Only an eternal Word. What word is both with God and Is God? Only a divine Word. Which word is able to be a He, a person who was present in the beginning with God? Only a fleshly Word. What word could be the only fountain from which all created things have flowed? Only an almighty Word. Which word is it that is both the reservoir and spring of life that is such a light of men that darkness cannot overcome it? Only a living Word. What word has witnesses about it? Only the revealing Word. Which word is it that comes to its own, but is not received by its own? Only the loving Word. What word is it that when received and believed in, gives the right to the believer to become a child of God, born only of God? Only the gracious Word alone. Which word is it that became flesh and dwelt among us? Only a humble Word. What word could possibly show forth the glory as of the only Son of God, full of grace and truth? The only-begotten Word from eternity. Which word has such fullness from which we all continuously receive grace upon grace? Only the crucified Word. What word is the means by which we receive and are blessed by grace and truth? Only Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man.

This begs the question, what type of Word is this?

Unlike all the other words that may be found in creation, this Word presented in these first verses of the Gospel is performative. It is a Word that when spoken, does what is spoken. What reveals its performative nature better than what it did at creation. "And God said, 'Let...and it was so'" (Genesis 1). The Word's performative nature is at work in the new creation as well. "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). This is reflected in John the Baptist's commission to be a witness of this Word, a testifier of this Word, so that all might believe through this Word.

In all that this performative Word does, it does so according to its two natures: Law and Gospel. While both of these two natures are the Word, each performs uniquely according to their nature when spoken. The Word of Law performs curbing, convicting, and condemning of sin and guidance in the human heart. The Word of Gospel performs forgiveness, reconciliation, rebirth, and eternal life of the person.

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

Feb.	4th/5th	11th/12th	18th/19th	25th/26th
Acolytes				
7:30PM	Zac & Nic Yorke		Kailee & Chad Fackler	Alden & Jay Rodammer
8:30AM	Hoards	Kristen Skouson	Dani & Matt Ayotte	Paige & Matt Ayotte
11AM	Peyton & Hans Schmandt	Madelyn Gray	Isabel Kettels	Brandon & Mark Rude
Screen Tech				
7:30PM	Logan Curtis	Christie Stevens	Caden Wilson	Meagan Tolbert
8:30AM	Landon Kern	Singers	Paige Ayotte	Ill's
11AM	Levi Keinath	Brandon Rude	Julie Keinath	Hunter Ayotte
Greeters				
7:30PM	Shelli Lugg	Betty Bleuer	Laura Sherman	
8:30AM	Shirely 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	Jason & Heather Jones
Subs	Sherry Sebert			

Ushers

8:30AM Service

Captain – Phil Gordon
 Assistant – Ron Johnson
 Wanda Johnson
 James Kribs
 James Petzold
 Larry Petzold
 Peter Shollack
 Andrew Weber

11AM Service

Captain – Dick Gross
 Assistant – Arnold Petzold
 Kenton Gleason
 Tom Keinath
 Phil Petzold

7:30PM Service

Captain – Brian Gladly
 Mason Lugg
 Dale Peche



Church Sextons

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

Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Shelli Lugg
 8:30AM - Pam Ill
 11AM - Sheila Peche

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

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



Happy
Birthday!

Ed: Marcia Kenneth
Jessica Phillips
Terry Younger

Danielle E DeOrlos

Paul M.E. Muelh

Dawn Walton
Fay Carmona
Shirley Snyder

Janette Kenneth Sue Horway
Teresa Walter

Jackie Stewart
Armand Carmona
Bill Weber
Jannine Burke

Dear Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,
"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" Col. 3:17.
We do what we do because of our love for Jesus.
You have done something out of love for Jesus also. Thank you for the special bonus you recently gave us out of the gift to St. Paul Lutheran Church from the Ralph and Edna Ferber estate.
We are grateful for your expression of love and support of all that we do in the name of Jesus.
Together we thank God our Father for ALL that has been given to us.
In Christ Jesus,
St. Paul Lutheran Faculty and Staff

Connie Singer

Ashley Kenneth

Carol Heber

Stacy Face
Christina Rosenkrantz
Roger F. Leach
Alyssa Michaelson

Ted Wager

Diane Leach

Bonnie

Rev. Karl Stahl

Katrina Wager

Rev. James R. Bauer

Rodney Wilson
Nancy Wilson

Mrs. Standa

Paul Seider Knott

Tara Petzold

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Bonnie Gross



St. Paul Lutheran School

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"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

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. 3	Dads & Doughnuts (Grades K-2), Wear your school theme shirt, Reading Buddy & 8 th Grade basketball Parent Night	
Feb. 9	P.T.L. Dyslexia Center Speaker	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	6-8 th grade Bowling Trip	
Feb. 13-Mar. 3	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart	
Feb. 17	P.T.L. VIP Dance (K-5)	6-8 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. 12	Cherub Choir	8:30 a.m.
	Free Spirit Choir	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 26	Family Group 2,5,7	8:30 a.m.
	Cantate Choir	11:00 a.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.



February Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball



Feb. 1	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at St. Paul, Lapeer	6:00 p.m.
	Reading Buddy & 8th Grade Parent Night	
Feb. 4-5	Valley Lutheran Boys Tournament	TBA
Feb. 7	with CTK, Sebawaing	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at St. Michael's, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Immanuel/Trinity	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 16/18	Girl's League Tournaments	TBA
Feb. 17/18	Boy's League Tournaments	first round at St. Paul, Millington

Girl's & Boy's C-team Basketball













Feb. 4	with Peace, Saginaw	girls 10 a.m.	boys 11 a.m.
Feb. 11	at St. Paul, Saginaw	10 a.m.	11 a.m.
Feb. 18	with Faith, Bay City	9 a.m.	10 a.m.

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



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 9AM Daily Lectionary 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7-8PM The Gathering 7:30 Council	2 6:15PM Praise Team	3 7AM Breakfast Club At MHS	4 7:30AM Men's Bible Study  7:30PM Worship
5  8:30AM Worship+C 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship 6-8PM Jr. & Sr. Youth Superbowl Party	6 7PM Handbells	7 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6:15PM Get Fit 7PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	8 9AM Daily Lectionary 6:53PM Choir	9 6:15PM Praise Team	10 1:30PM Pack Sack Lunches	11 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission  7:30PM Worship+C
12  8:30AM Worship 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School  11AM Worship+C 1:30PM Voters' Trustees to follow 6-8PM Sr. Youth	13 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	14 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6-8PM Painting 6PM Board of Ed. 6:15PM Get Fit 7:30PM -AA -Heroes	15 9AM Daily Lectionary 6:53PM Choir 7-8PM The Gathering	16 6:15PM Praise Team	17 3-5PM Jr. Youth	18 9AM-9PM Craft Fundraiser MMA  7:30PM Worship
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Monthly Messenger

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John 13:34

**“A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.**