



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

December 2017

*"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.

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### A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The world is a dark place. It is not dark just from the lack of light. Do you understand what I mean when I say we can also feel this darkness? By "darkness" I am referring to the sad and disturbing events we see, hear about and even feel in our hearts each day.

Thankfully, God has sent light into this darkness. More than sending a bright light, God has come into this darkness to shed light on what brings true life. *"In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world"* (John 1:4-5, 9). *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10:10b). We know that Jesus came at Christmas as the Light of the world, but sadly mankind prefers the darkness.

*"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God"* (John 3:19-21).

Over two thousand years ago, Jesus came to bring hope and peace to a world that was also very dark. He came to shed light on our sins, and then show us how much He loves us by taking away the punishment for our sin. That is why we celebrate Him as our Savior.

Soon, many of us will use lights to decorate and get in the festive mood. Hopefully, all the lights we see will be a reminder of the one true Light that came into the world on the first Christmas.

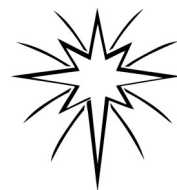
Christians do more than just celebrate when Jesus first came. We also prepare for His second coming. The Light will shine even brighter when Jesus finally returns. That is the reason for Advent. We acknowledge the darkness in the world and in each of our hearts. Then, we prepare for the wonderful return of our Savior and Mighty King. Through God's love and forgiveness, we see a brighter future.

This Advent we will explore the theme of "Hope in the Darkness." I look forward to seeing you every weekend and also for our midweek Advent services at 4:00 p.m.

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

Pastor James R. Bruner

1 John 4:10-11



The December Messenger is sponsored in honor of  
Dwight & Lorie Keinath on their 5th wedding anniversary.



# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

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

**Sunday School – *Something new in December.*** Join us for some special Christmas Sunday School sessions all through December. We will enjoy special snacks, crafts and activities. Invite a friend and be a part of the fun. We will make an angel with your face, make a gingerbread stable with all the candy you can eat, and other fun ideas as well. Hope to see you all there!

**Adult Instruction Class** – Led by Pastor Bruner in the multi-purpose room. We will explore the basics of the Christian faith and other important answers God provides.

**Puppet Ministry** is back at St. Paul. We will be meeting in the library between services to practice. Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older, please join us.

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**Women's Bible Study** – "Waiting" – Mondays at 9AM in the Youth Room. A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust by Sharla Fritz. This study focuses on the lives of 8 women who waited, women like us. Together, we will learn to surrender our worries to God, handle the daily-ness of waiting and draw closer to Jesus. Call Lisa Mohr 989-550-0412 or Denise Miller 810-656-2330 if questions.

## Scripture Readings

### Dec. 3rd

Isaiah 64:1-9  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Dec. 10th

Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

### Dec. 17th

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Dec. 24th

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### Dec. 31st

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

## Music



**Handbells**  
Mondays at 7PM

**Church Choir**  
Wednesdays at 6:53PM

**Praise Team**  
Thursdays at 6:15PM



## Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Dec. 3rd—"Do We Or Don't We?" - Mark 13:28-37

Dec. 10th—"The Trailblazer"- Mark 1:4

Dec. 17th—"Good News for a Change!" - Is. 61:1-4, 8-11

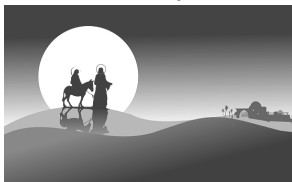
Dec. 24th—"A Great Announcement"- Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 31st—"Mother and Son" - Luke 2:22-40

## December Hymns of the Month

*"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"*  
*"O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild"*

December's hymns are filled with a multitude of promises! Jesus gave public proof that He is the promised King; not human goodwill, but **grace** brings us peace; He would rise again; we shall inherit the Kingdom prepared for us; we are redeemed through Christ's birth and death. As we approach the birth of our Lord and King, what more can we ask for? Nothing! It has **already** been given to us!



# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Painting** - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

**Quilting** - We will resume in January.  
Keep on sew, sew, sewing at home!

## Storyhour

**St. Paul Storyhour** meets every **Friday** from 9-11AM in the nursery. If there is no school, then no Storyhour. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and of course, a snack! If questions, call Lori Osborn at 989-205-9873.

## Voters' Assembly Meeting

**Note the date change** -- The Voters' Meeting is being combined with the Council Meeting on Wed., Dec. 6th at 7:30PM in the church.

## Scrapbooking & Crafts

Sat., Dec. 9th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour, or the whole day. Please bring a dish to pass if staying all day and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spmill.org.

## Self Study Survey

The results of the Congregational Self Study Survey will be presented on Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the church. Everyone is invited to hear and ask questions as we move forward. The Voters' Meeting will be combined with the Council Meeting on Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the church.

**Messenger/Calendar Deadline**  
**Fri., December 15th**

**Impact & Ignite**  
(6th-12th Grades)

***Gift Wrapping and Christmas Party***  
December 17th beginning at 1:30PM.

## You are Invited to a Tea Party!

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Sun., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> between services. We will enjoy a short devotional and your choice of homemade goodies. We will offer coffee and flavored teas. Bring your favorite cup and tea pot and tell us your story. For more details, call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

## 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, December 22nd**.

## Upcoming Special Services

*Advent Services at 4PM:*

*Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Dinner from 5-6PM*

*Soup & Salad*

*Hosted by the Church Choir*

*Proceeds go to the Handbell Fund*

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*Christmas Choir Concert:*

*Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4PM*

*Children's Christmas Services:*

*Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6PM*

*Christmas Eve Services:*

*Note: There is no service on Sat., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Sun., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 10AM +Communion*

*Candlelight - 9PM*

*Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion*

*New Year's Weekend Services:*

*Sat., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30PM*

*Sun., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:30AM*

*11AM - Contemporary*

## December Meetings

**Stewardship**

Tues., Dec. 5th at 7PM

**Social Concerns**

Wed., Dec. 6th at 6:30PM

**Council & Voters'**

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

**Stephen Ministry**

Every Monday at 7PM

**Board of Education**

Tues., Dec. 12th at 6:30PM

**Trustees**

Sun., Dec. 17th at 9:45AM

**Elders**

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

## Thank You / Help Wanted

### Many Thanks!

I would like to **thank** everyone for all of their prayers for me since I had my accident and broke my leg in June. It has been rough through my surgeries and long recovery, but I'm all good now. The prayers, concern, visits, get well cards, gifts, and well wishes are so appreciated and meant a lot to me. Love, Asher Petzold

**Thank you** to the Staff, Students and Brass Band for the Veteran's Day Reception. Also, thanks to everyone who helped plan this special day!

**Many thanks** go to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas - inside and out! You are all appreciated!



### Staff Gift

If you would like to show your appreciation for the St. Paul staff, please place your Cash Donation (no checks please) in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas" and place in the offering plate or bring to the Church Office by Mon., Dec. 11th. Please remember, this is not a tax deductible gift and will not be recorded on your giving statement.

### Church Extension Fund

**Make the Difference**-Church Extension Fund (CEF) encourages everyone to get personally involved in reaching out to the unchurched around many communities in the Michigan District. As investors in CEF, attractive interest rates are paid on investments while these dollars are loaned to Michigan District churches and schools at reasonable rates. Call [800 242 3944](tel:8002423944) or visit [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org) for information.

### Area News

**Boar's Head Christmas Festival** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saginaw. Thurs., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> & Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM; Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM. Pre-service music 30 minutes before performance. Free.

**Living Nativity – A Journey to Bethlehem** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fri., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-9PM; Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8PM. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. Free 30 minute, outdoor walk. Light refreshments following.

**Millington Christmas in the Village** Mon., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Food, Activities, & Special Events from 3-8PM; Parade at 6PM. Live Nativity, Live Reindeer, Santa's Toy Shop, Free Popcorn, Cocoa, Cookies, Carriage Rides, and more! Sponsored by Millington Chamber.

**Live Music and Dancing** at the Millington Community Center Sat. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Potluck 4 to 5, Music and Dancing 5 to 7. Cost is \$6.00 per person.

#### **Valley Lutheran Christmas Concert at The Temple Theatre in Saginaw**

In honor of Valley Lutheran High School's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Anniversary Committee and the Music Department are hosting a special Christmas Concert at the historic Temple Theatre, 203 N. Washington Ave. in Saginaw, on Sunday, December 10, at 3pm.

The theme of the event is, "Come, Let Us Adore Him," and Valley's Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir will be performing familiar Christmas songs to jump-start your holiday season. Audience members will have the chance to sing several favorites, as well. The concert is free and open to the public.

Valley alumni, who were part of the music program, are invited to take part in two special songs at the end of the concert and we would love to have you participate. If you are interested in being a part of the performance, contact Paul Eschmann at [peschmann@vlhs.com](mailto:peschmann@vlhs.com) or Lindsay Mueller at [lmuller@vlhs.com](mailto:lmuller@vlhs.com), or call either of them at 989-790-1676.

We hope you can join us for this special event as we celebrate Valley's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
About the school

Valley Lutheran High School believes that Christ is the foundation of our school and everything we do. We prepare our students as children of God academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually to serve in the world today and tomorrow.

**Candles & Carols** Sun., Dec. 17th at 6PM at the Millington Church of God. Hosted by the Millington Ministerial Alliance.

## Serve & Volunteer / Misc.



### Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias for the altar are \$15 each and you have a choice of red or white.

Please sign up on the glass case in the narthex by Dec. 4th. Add your name, number, plant color and either pay at the case or bring to the church office. Plants can be picked up after the service on Christmas Day.

### Offering Envelopes

Church Offering Envelopes are in the narthex. Please take your box and anyone others that you could deliver to. Call the church office if you can't find your box. Remember - **do not use the new envelopes until Jan. 1st.** Thank you!

### Altar Flowers

The **2018 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 2018. The cost is now \$75.00 per month. Please call the church office if interested.

### Annual Reports

Another year has already gone by! All boards, committees, groups, etc. need to submit their annual reports by Fri., Jan. 5th. Either email to church.office@spmill.org or bring to the church office. If questions, please call the church office 871-4581. Thank you in advance for helping us complete this in a timely manner!

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

**Screen Techs** are needed for 2018. Please call the church office if can help in any way – even if it's just a few times a year! No need to worry – we will train you! Students - this is also a good way to earn servant hours. **Adults are also welcome** to run the screen. Please call to help!

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> is still available to provide an **Advent Dinner** after the 4PM service. If anyone (group, board, family, etc.) wants to provide a dinner, please call the church office.

Every year, **candy bags** are given to the children after the Children's Christmas services. Monetary donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the candy, peanuts, and oranges used to fill the bags. Please place in an envelope marked "Candy Bags" and place in offering plate or bring to one of the offices by Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Matt. 25:35 *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."*

A **heart-felt THANK-YOU** is extended to all of you who contributed financially, with items for the sack lunches, or have helped at the Mission. Your acts of kindness and love are truly appreciated. Every second Saturday of every month **six volunteers are needed** to prepare and serve meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw. **Our next date is Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.** Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and we finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

The **Giving Tree** is in the narthex! Please take a star and return by the date printed. **Giving Tree Applications** are available in the offices for any child who lives in the Millington School District. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry, please let them know. **Monetary donations** are also appreciated to purchase items for the families. Please place in an envelope labeled "Giving Tree" and put in the offering plate or one of the offices. Thank you!

**Shield of Faith Ministries** is looking for people willing to make prison visits. If you feel called to be involved in prison ministry, please call Brian Meier at 989-239-6281 or the church office.

Twenty-five **Health Kits** were delivered to the Caro Women's Shelter. Thank you so much for donating. The ladies are always so grateful for the donations. **We are collecting again** and need 25 shampoos, 10 wash cloths, 25 hand towels, 10 toothpastes, and 20 combs.



***You've overwhelmed us  
once again!***

The Hall-o-ween event was another great success! We had an abundance of candy donated – and we thank each and every one of you! We also had plenty of helpers to hand out the candy to the almost 300 trick or treaters! We also give special thanks to the students who helped set up the halls after school and to Angie Ayotte & Denise Hoard for spending many hours popping popcorn! We couldn't have done it without all of you! The children had a good time and so did the adults! We look forward to next year!

# Bookkeeper's Corner / Financial Report / Memorials

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills  
[Finance@spmill.org](mailto:Finance@spmill.org)

Christmas is upon us! Let's look at just a few of the blessings He has given us this year:

- Our Preschool is full
- Our Childcare/Latchkey is so full that we have a wait list (need more staff!)
- The general fund ended with a surplus for FY 16-17
- We are a year closer to being debt-free
- New ministries to serve all ages
- One year closer to becoming an accredited learning institution
- 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation outreach events

When we give (spiritually, emotionally, financially), our thought patterns change—and our general attitude about life changes. We find ourselves realizing what God can do through our lives and then we find ourselves grateful for it.

When we really get down to it, there's an obvious point that we all know, but that maybe we should take a second to remind ourselves of: This season is about Jesus, or at least it's supposed to be. Breathe that in. Tell yourself that every day. Remember what Jesus did for us, and be thankful for it. It will change everything.

*"O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! Joy fills the world which sin defiled. Whatever we have belongs to You; O keep us faithful, strong and true."* LSB 546

## **CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT**

**Mortgage balance** as of 10/31/17: **\$790,105.56**  
 -- Debt free date if nothing changes = October 2022

Oct 2017 Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00  
 --- Principal = **\$12,614.94**  
 --- Interest = **\$ 1,520.06**  
 --- Amount received to pay mortgage: \$13,170.50 (short)  
 --- Amount used in contingency fund: \$ 964.50

**Oct 2017 Income & Expense Summary**  
**Oct** General Fund Income: **\$96,164.45**  
**Oct** General Fund Expense: **(\$80,620.94)**  
**Oct Surplus** **\$15,543.51**

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Checkbook balance as of **10/31/17**: **\$258,095.60**  
 Designated & Memorial Obligation: **(\$230,873.43)**  
 Our total Surplus **\$ 27,222.17**

## **MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS**

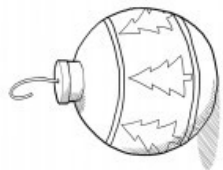
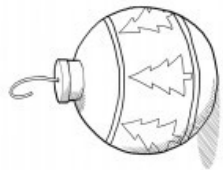
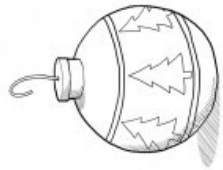
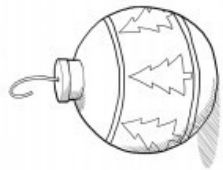
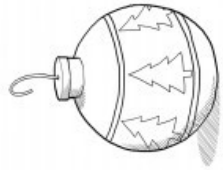
In Memory of David Sebert Christian Care Committee	\$20.00
In Memory of Art Saeger Memorials Undesignated	\$10.00
In Memory of Roy Auernhammer Seminary Fund - Tim Kern	\$20.00
In Memory of Art & Luella Saeger Dorcas	\$40.00
In Memory of Ronald E. Schnell Memorials Undesignated	\$10,682.63
In Memory of Gerald Lentner General Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Henry Mohr Building Fund General Fund Christian Care Committee	\$60.00 \$245.00 \$10.00
In Memory of Ronald L. Daenzer General Fund	\$150.00
In Memory of Wilbert Keinath General Fund	\$20.00

## What is Thrivent Choice?

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding. Choice Dollars® and Thrivent Choice Voting® Events result in the distribution of several million dollars of grant funds to causes that members like you care about most. If you qualify, **your Choice Dollars can be directed every quarter, or once a year.** If you haven't directed your dollars for 2017, please call Thrivent or go online to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).



# Daily Lectionary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December 2017</b>						
<b>3</b> Isaiah 9:8-10:11 1 Peter 5:1-14	<b>4</b> Isaiah 10:12-27; 10:33-34 2 Peter 1:1-21	<b>5</b> Isaiah 11:1-12:6 2 Peter 2:1-22	<b>6</b> Isaiah 14:1-12 2 Peter 3:1-18	<b>7</b> Isaiah 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14	<b>8</b> Isaiah 24:14-25:12 1 John 2:15-29	<b>9</b> Isaiah 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24
<b>10</b> Isaiah 26:20-27:13 1 John 4:1-21	<b>11</b> Isaiah 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21	<b>12</b> Isaiah 29:1-14 Jude 1-25	<b>13</b> Isaiah 29:15-30:14 Revelation 1:1-20	<b>14</b> Isaiah 30:15-26 Revelation 2:1-29	<b>15</b> Isaiah 30:27-31:9 Revelation 3:1-22	<b>16</b> Isaiah 32:1-20 Revelation 4:1-11
<b>17</b> Isaiah 33:1-24 Revelation 5:1-14	<b>18</b> Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-35:10 Revelation 6:1-17	<b>19</b> Isaiah 40:1-17 Revelation 7:1-17	<b>20</b> Isaiah 40:18-41:10 Revelation 8:1-13	<b>21</b> Isaiah 42:1-25 Revelation 9:1-12	<b>22</b> Isaiah 43:1-24 Revelation 9:13-10:11	<b>23</b> Isaiah 43:25-44:20 Revelation 11:1-19
<b>24</b> Isaiah 44:21-45:13; 44:20-25 Revelation 12:1-17	<b>25</b> Isaiah 49:1-18 Matthew 1:1-17	<b>26</b> Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8; 51:12-16, Matthew 1:18-25	<b>27</b> Isaiah 51:17-52:12 Matthew 2:1-12	<b>28</b> Isaiah 52:13-54:10 Matthew 2:13-23	<b>29</b> Isaiah 55:1-13 Luke 1:1-25	<b>30</b> Isaiah 58:1-59:3; 58:14-21 Luke 1:26-38
<b>31</b> Isaiah 60:1-22 Luke 1:39-56						



# Election Results / God's Children Serving God's Children

## Voter's Election Results

November, 2017

**President** – Ed Sergent

**Secretary** – Stacey Force

### **Board of Elders**

- > Dale Higgins
- > Jeremy Petzold
- > Armand Carmona

### **Board of Trustees**

- > Trevor Gleason
- > Hans Schmandt
- > Dwight Keinath

### **Board of Education**

- > Marci Draper
- > Jamie Fackler

### **Board of Evangelism**

- > Jan Snyder
- > Kenton Gleason

### **Board of Stewardship**

- > Chris Washburn
- > Michelle David-Jones (write-in/accepted)

### **Board of Fellowship**

- > Angie Ayotte
- > Josh Cunningham
- > Pam Hanlin
- > Dennis Weiss (write-in/accepted)
- > Matt Singer (write-in/accepted)

### **Board of Social Concerns**

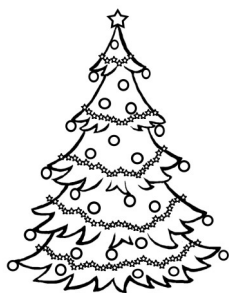
- > Lisa Mohr
- > Melissa Wagner

### **Board of Finance**

- > Director – Diane Mills
- > Director-Elect – Connie Daenzer
- > Budget Director – Gale Brown

### **Salary & Personnel Committee**

- > Duane Weber
- > Shelley Shollack
- > Jim Weber



Serving on a board or council is all about using your God-given talents to build His kingdom for His glory. God made us all different. That's great, because together, all of us make up the kingdom. In **1 Corinthians 12**, Paul compares the body of Christ to a human body: Each of us is unique, but together we make the body complete. And Christ is the head of the body (Ephesians 5:23), so everything we do points back to Him. He directs it all!

Jesus gives us two commandments: to love the Lord and to love others as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:37–40). When we steward our talents to honor Him and to bless others, we're doing just that.

The Nominating and Election Committee is grateful to all those that prayerfully considered serving on a board. If you find you have a talent that translates into a job and don't know who to contact, just pick up the phone and call the church office. We can easily connect you with the right person.

The election results are normally presented at the December Voter's Assembly (which is December 10<sup>th</sup> this year). However, the results of the survey will be presented on December 10<sup>th</sup> to the Congregation thereby moving the Voter's Assembly to Wednesday evening, December 6<sup>th</sup> (combined with monthly council meeting) at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is your opportunity to view ballots or ask questions: the results will be entered into the Voter's minutes for permanent record.

## God's Children Serving God's Children

**Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

This new ministry is being offered to integrate the generations of St. Paul in serving our Great God. The activities are designed for the seniors of our congregation and community and the children of our school.

On Wed., December 6<sup>th</sup> the following activities will be offered:

- 8-8:45AM - Everyone is invited to join us for Chapel in our main sanctuary. Our Chapel leader will be from Valley Lutheran High School.
- 9-10AM - Bible Study led by Pastor Bruner.
- 10-11AM - Variety of activities including an encore of the children's presentation from the Choir Concert.

11AM – Lunch - Cost of the lunch is \$3.50. Please contact the school office before 8AM on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> if you will be staying for lunch.

Your prayers for this endeavor are needed. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Mr. Schoenknecht or Mrs. Walter.

*Joy to the World*

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

December	2/3	9/10	16/17	24/25	30/31
<b>Acolytes</b>					
7:30PM	Alden & Jay Rodammer	Zac & Nic Yorke		24th@10AM Ayottes	Alden & Jay Rodammer
8:30AM	The Hoards	Kirsten Skouson & Ed White	Dani & Matt Ayotte		Kirsten Skouson & Ed White
11AM	Levi & Heath Keinath	Peyton & Hans Schmandt	Isabel Ketels	25th@10AM Grace & Tim Brown	Andrew & Mike Hoard
<b>Screen Tech</b>					
7:30PM	Logan Curtis	Meagan Tolbert	Caden Wilson		Meagan Tolbert
8:30AM	Paige Ayotte	The Singers	Landon Kern	Ill's	Paige Ayotte
11AM	Brandon Rude	Hunter Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Levi Keinath	Hunter Ayotte
<b>Greeters</b>					
7:30PM	Shelli Lugg	Betty Bleuer	Laura Sherman		
8:30AM	Shirely Petzold	Ken & Kathy Ill			
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Keith & Heidi Woolwine		
Subs	Sherry Sebert				

## Ushers

### Team B

#### **8:30AM Service**

Captain – Dwight Keinath  
 Assistant – Michael Albert  
 Ken Auernhammer  
 Mitchel Ill  
 Colin Meacham  
 Daniel Meacham  
 Jeremy Petzold  
 Luke Platt  
 Matt Singer  
 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

#### **7:30PM Service**

Captain – Jim Jaruzel  
 Don Bierlein

## Church Sextons

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

## Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Lillian Sergent  
 8:30AM - Joyce Wager  
 11AM - Jan McKee

*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

Deborah ILL	12/1	Karl Ramsey	12/11	Taren Webster	12/19
Kamden Keinath	12/1	Terry Reinbold	12/11	Chase Guelette	12/20
Riley Pattinson	12/1	Timothy Rueger	12/11	Steven Holmes Sr.	12/20
Cole Ratza	12/1	Kimberly Sergent	12/11	Alexis Hudie	12/20
Judith Snover	12/1	Irene Smith	12/11	Holli Johnson	12/20
Andrew Weber	12/1	Sandra St. Onge	12/11	Allen Marks	12/20
Taylor Wirsing	12/1	Jason Stewart	12/11	Chester Petzold	12/20
Logan Myers	12/2	Cameron Loomis	12/12	Seth Sundberg	12/20
Delores Reinert	12/2	Bo Schember	12/12	Norma Taylor	12/20
Tyler Rude	12/2	Michelle Stewart	12/12	Richard Coon	12/21
Zachary Simon	12/2	Linda Windt	12/12	Megan Curtis	12/21
Jodi Torrey	12/2	Logan Wirsing	12/12	Julie Rude	12/21
Jeremy Corrigan	12/3	Deborah Bierlein	12/13	Trenton Weber	12/21
Tonya Daenzer	12/3	Frances Carnet	12/13	Jacquelyn Petzold	12/22
Dawn Knoll	12/3	Christopher Jensen	12/13	Connor Simon	12/22
Ashley Koch	12/3	Sayer Puzjak	12/13	Sarah Brown	12/23
Melissa Sandusky	12/3	Gerry Smith II	12/13	Larry Kammer	12/23
Kara Stevens	12/3	Ashtyn Stewart	12/13	Marlene Keipinger	12/23
Sarah Waterman	12/3	Lisa Bach	12/14	Alexander Kern	12/23
Lori Kowitz	12/4	Amy Casto	12/14	Rhonda Nielson	12/23
Holly Leach	12/4	Tyler Lichnovsky	12/14	Sheila Peche	12/23
Daniel Petzold	12/4	Michael Lyons	12/14	Christine Jaruzel	12/24
Stephen Roggentine	12/4	Alison Reinig	12/14	Judith Lichnovsky	12/24
Brad Sayles	12/4	Dennis Schmidt	12/14	Billie Loper	12/24
Michael Titsworth	12/4	Donna J. Weber	12/14	Finnlee Lowrey	12/24
Eric Galant	12/5	Ireva Wolverton	12/14	Arnold Petzold	12/24
Daniel Karcher	12/5	John Allard	12/15	Gary Wagner	12/24
Amy Opperman	12/5	Robert Baker	12/15	Kalie Weakley	12/24
William Woodward	12/5	Karen Bruner	12/15	Jena Petzold	12/25
Scott Jensen	12/6	Melissa Hager	12/15	Linda Schmidt	12/25
Kari Johnston	12/6	Cherri Herrick	12/15	Stephen Erickson	12/26
Nathaniel Wood	12/6	Dylan Horning	12/15	Gerald Higgins	12/26
Clark Cassidy	12/7	Jonah Horning	12/15	Larry Jensen	12/26
Mae Cassidy	12/7	Nicolas Horning	12/15	Connor Mason	12/26
Linda Conrad	12/7	Eden Johnson	12/15	Kassandra Mills	12/26
Richard Daniel	12/7	Doris Meier	12/15	Anna Reinig	12/26
Connie Keinath	12/7	Aaron O'Connor	12/15	Tamera Dreher	12/27
Faydra Myers	12/7	Harvey Schiefer	12/15	Ryan Lichnovsky	12/27
Angelica Powell	12/7	Cheryl Anderson	12/16	Melody Payea	12/27
Rylyn Roth	12/7	Reagan Hoard	12/16	Marie Ross	12/27
Elizabeth Selich	12/7	William Kirby	12/16	Robert Fall	12/28
Candice Tatro	12/7	Denise Miller	12/16	Lynnette Keinath	12/28
Molly Wolfington	12/7	Andrew Rosebush	12/16	Aiden Koch	12/28
Lisa Balcer	12/8	Lexie Swink	12/16	Niola Leach	12/28
Carol Weber	12/8	Susan Washburn	12/16	Arlyn Marks	12/28
Mary White	12/8	James Weber	12/16	Mathew Ayotte	12/29
Grace Adamic	12/9	Monica Lusk	12/17	Floyd Harsen	12/29
Matthew Allen	12/9	Nancy Meier	12/17	Cameron Henderson	12/29
Kaitlyn Burton	12/9	Jo Anne Noyce	12/17	James Rude	12/29
Danielle DeOrnellas	12/9	Sarah Pobocik	12/17	Marvin Schiefer	12/29
David Janowski	12/9	Craig Reinert	12/17	Alexis Sutton	12/29
Joshua Keinath	12/9	Carol Burchett	12/18	Erwin Weber	12/29
Joshua Petzold	12/9	Shelby Howay-Jesberg	12/18	Lideth Brueggemann	12/30
Michelle Sayles	12/9	Annette Marks	12/18	Ira Ewald	12/30
Lillian Sergent	12/9	Susan Morrow	12/18	Shannon Keinath	12/30
Michael Tebedo	12/9	Karri Smith	12/18	Amanda Marks	12/30
Andria Weakley	12/9	Bradlee Snyder	12/18	Jami Petzold	12/30
Marilyn Daenzer	12/10	Brody Willson	12/18	Kristina Soteropoulos	12/30
Elizabeth Goodhue	12/10	Ricks Anderson	12/19	Jeff Staple	12/30
Violet Myers	12/10	Aidan Bach	12/19	Donna Torrey	12/30
Chy Rueckert	12/10	Nicholas Borcharding	12/19	Danny Brandle	12/31
Scott Soderlund	12/10	Sandra Brow	12/19	Brody Germain	12/31
Geraldine Blue	12/11	Dane Coleman	12/19	Dean Mason	12/31
Dana Earl	12/11	Karrie Colman	12/19	John Osborn	12/31
Lorine Edler	12/11	Paul Rogers	12/19	Kenneth Soderlund	12/31
Jeffrey Johnston	12/11	Sandy Shamel	12/19	Teresa Walter	12/31
Janette Keinath	12/11	Marie Trinklein	12/19		

# St. Paul Lutheran School

## December 2017

*" Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever."  
Hebrews 13:8*



As we begin December, let us prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of our Lord; not only His first coming as a baby long ago but also for His second coming when He shall reign forever!

### Important December Dates

Dec. 1	Spirit Day	
Dec. 3	St. Paul Christmas Concert	4:00 p.m.
	Scholastic 2 for 1 Book Fair after the concert	
Dec. 6	Advent Services	4:00 p.m.
	Scholastic 2 for 1 Book Fair	
Dec. 8	P.T.L. Family Movie Night	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 13	Advent Services	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	Children's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	Last day of classes	
Dec. 23- Jan. 2	Christmas Vacation	
Dec. 24	Children's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.



Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Was Born

Practices for the Children's Christmas programs start on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Practice times and dates are available in the school office. If you are able to stay with students not practicing please contact your child's teacher or school office as soon as possible.

As the giving season approaches, we are looking forward to giving monetary gifts to the janitors and cooks. Please consider helping us by placing your donation in an envelope marked Cooks & Janitors Christmas then giving it to the school office by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas candy bags will once again be given out to the children after the Children's Christmas Services. If you would like to donate money to help defray the costs, please take your donation to the school office no later than Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your help!

If there is a school delay or cancellation, you will see notifications on any of the major television or radio stations and through the School Reach phone system.



### School Musical Opportunities



Dec. 3	Church Christmas Concert: all school choirs, Junior Bells, Band,	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Cantate Choir	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m.

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



### December Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball



Dec. 1	at St. Paul, Lapeer	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	with St. Paul, Flint	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Christ the King, Sebawaing	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Bethlehem, Saginaw (boys only)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	with St. Michaels, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	with Christ the King, Sebawaing	4:30 p.m.



*Blessings to you and your family from the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School faculty and staff!*

# December 2017

St. Paul Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>**Notes**</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Adult Instruction Class Sunday School					<b>1</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 5:30PM Impact & Ignite at Crossroads	<b>2</b> <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>3</b> <b>BOGO Book Fair</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>Church Choir &amp; Free Spirit</i> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b> <b>11AM Worship</b> <i>Church Choir &amp; Free Spirit</i> 12:15PM Confirmation 4PM Choir Concert	<b>4</b> 4-8PM Christmas in the Village 6PM Parade 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>5</b> 7AM Jr. Bells 6-8PM Painting 7PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	<b>6</b> <b>BOGO Book Fair</b> <b>4PM Advent Worship</b> <i>Cantate Choir</i> 6:30PM Social Concerns 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Council/Voters	<b>7</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>8</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1:30PM Pack Lunches for Rescue Mission	<b>9</b> 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission <b>7:30PM Worship+C</b>
<b>10</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Handbells</i> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b> <b>11AM Worship+C</b> 12:15PM Confirmation 3PM Congregational Survey Results Presentation	<b>11</b> 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>12</b> 7AM Jr. Bells 6PM Painting 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM AA	<b>13</b> <b>4PM Advent Worship</b> <i>Free Spirit</i> 5-6PM Soup & Salad Dinner 6:53PM Choir	<b>14</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>15</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 9-11AM Story Hour	<b>16</b> <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM <b>**See Notes**</b> Trustees Meeting <b>11AM Worship Contemporary</b> 12:15PM Confirmation 1:30PM Impact & Ignite Gift Wrapping 6PM Candles & Carols at Church of God	<b>18</b> 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>19</b> 7AM Jr. Bells 6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>20</b> <b>6PM Children's Service</b>	<b>21</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>22</b> 7AM St. Paul Hosts Breakfast Club at MHS 9-11AM Story Hour	<b>23</b>  <i>No Worship Service</i>
<b>24</b> <b>10AM Worship+C</b> <i>Church Choir</i> <b>6PM Children's Service</b> <b>9PM Candlelight Service</b> <i>Church Choir</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day 10AM Worship +C</b> <i>Church Choir &amp; Brass</i>	<b>26</b> 7:30PM AA	<b>27</b> 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	<b>28</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>31</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <b>11AM Worship Contemporary</b>						



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# Monthly Messenger

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