



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### August 2020

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

#### A Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have all had enough already! This pandemic is too much. Whenever a tragedy or catastrophe hit before, it was in regions. There were places of refuge and escape; untouched areas of the world. This virus and the fear associated with it is everywhere. There seems to be no escape or relief.

We want a place of rest and peace. We need a sanctuary. Thankfully, we can still go outside and breath in the air. At least for me, I seek a few moments outside to relax and forget the stress of the pandemic and the requirement to "mask up" around people. The magnificent beauty and design of God's creation refreshes me, but often this peace is quickly shattered by the daily news or when someone expresses their fears.

Now for a twist. We have had enough in a good way. Every day God gives us enough daily bread. *"These all look to you to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when You open your hand, they are filled with good things"* Psalm 104:27-28. Beyond that, He also gives us more than enough grace. Who knows how long the apostle Paul suffered from a "thorn in his flesh." He was unable to find relief, and so he begged for God to put an end to it. Paul had had enough. God responded, *"My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"* 1 Cor. 12:9. When we are weak and helpless, then we rely upon God entirely. As Paul realized, *"...when I am weak, then I am strong."* That is when God's power is made perfect. Whenever fear or anxiety strike us, acknowledge that we have not had enough of what God provides. Ask for God's grace, which is sufficient. No, it is more than enough.

Still have a heavy heart? When we have not had enough of God, He continues to offer a sanctuary, even if not a physical one. We can find peace in Him and His words. The Sabbath rest is God's way of telling us that we will be okay. He will watch over us when we are resting in Him. *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* Matt. 11:28. *"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you"* 1 Peter 5:7. *"The LORD replied [to Moses], 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest'"* Ex. 33:14.

When we have had enough of the fear and anxiety of this world, we can have more than enough of what God promises to provide. Filled with His grace and peace we join in saying, *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."* Eph. 3:20

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

Pastor Jim Bruner

1 John 4:10-11

Please continue to pray as our faculty and staff continue, through the Summer, to prepare to reopen school in August.

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#### **Worship Services**

Sunday 10 A.M.  
(Also live-streamed)  
Saturday 7 P.M.

#### **Bible Study**

Sunday 9 A.M.

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*The August Messenger is sponsored  
in memory of Leon Keinath, from his wife, Mildred, and  
in memory of Melvin Petzold, from his wife, Loraine.*

# St. Paul Worship News / Scripture / Memorials

## Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM

Sundays at 10AM

Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th weekends throughout the summer.

We will continue to live stream our 10AM service for those who wish to stay home at this time.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to [www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html](http://www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html).

## Contact Information / Office Hours

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office, call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org). We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call one of the pastors on their cell phone - Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

Church Office hours will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3PM or by appointment.

Please be patient during this time. Thank you.

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of James Brown	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Honor of Marian Reniert's 90th Birthday	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Art Weber	
General Fund	\$150.00
School Fund	\$10.00

goodbye July, hello  
**AUGUST**

## Scripture Readings

### August 2nd

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-13

Matthew 14:13-21

### August 9th

Job 38:4-18

Romans 10:5-17

Matthew 14:22-33

### August 16th

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Matthew 15:21-28

### August 23rd

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20

### August 30th

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28



**WORSHIP  
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**Lutheran Ministries**

**"Worship for Shut-Ins"**

Sundays at 11:30AM on TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

### August 2nd

"More Than Enough" - Matthew 13:30

### August 9th

"The Powerful Word" - Matthew 14:27

### August 16th

"Perfect Healing" - Matthew 15:21-28

### August 23rd

"Built on the Rock" - Matthew 16:13-20

### August 30th

"The Way God Thinks" - Matthew 16:23

# Birthdays

Ken Damm	08/01	Kathryn DeOrnellas	08/14	Janel Boensch	08/26
Jody Hunt	08/01	Victor Fabbro	08/14	John Hergenreder	08/26
Sharon Mitchell	08/01	Stacey Force	08/14	Tom Keinath	08/26
Olga Nims	08/01	Heath Keinath	08/14	Laura Oliver	08/26
Kellie Sherman	08/01	Timothy Kern	08/14	Mark Reinert	08/26
Patrick Allen	08/02	Aaron Reinbold	08/14	Emmitt Stiff	08/26
Jeremy Frahm	08/02	Hannah Sergent	08/14	Olivia Ostrander	08/27
Jeremy Colman	08/03	Heather Selich	08/15	Aryha Wendland	08/27
Evan Reinert	08/03	Charles Daenzer	08/16	Hailey Brown	08/28
Alexis Reinert	08/03	Roy Kauer	08/16	Mike LaPointe	08/28
William Hibner	08/04	Judy Kolaja	08/16	Gary Lince	08/28
Stephen Ley	08/04	Maureen Kralik	08/16	Andrew Rogers	08/28
Brenda Ruppel	08/04	Alyssa Okorowski	08/16	Paul Schoenknecht	08/28
Jon Carnet	08/05	Malachi Wager	08/16	Mary Davison	08/29
Nathan Dalton	08/05	Mason Wolfington	08/16	Nick Ewing	08/29
Matthew Grulke	08/05	Gerald Gross	08/17	Jeffrey Higgins	08/29
Lorie Keinath	08/05	Jennifer Herrick	08/17	Julie Keinath	08/29
Scott Raymond	08/05	Austin Loomis	08/17	Terry Keinath	08/29
Christie Stevens	08/05	Lisa Merriam	08/17	Aliyah Raymond	08/29
Garret Woodward	08/05	Barbara Radloff	08/17	Diane Selich	08/29
Greyson Jaruzel	08/06	Megan Russell	08/17	Connie Singer	08/29
Gloria LaPointe	08/06	Alyson Freeman	08/18	Lincoln Tolbert	08/29
Tracey Gleason	08/07	Jeffrey ILL	08/18	Kathleen Badgley	08/30
Alexandria Sergent	08/07	Tina Petzold	08/19	Dawn Devereaux	08/30
Keith, III Brown	08/08	Ron Schiefer	08/19	Rachel Hibner	08/30
Bonnie Fall	08/08	Kevin Adelberg	08/20	Edward Hunt	08/30
Adam Knoll	08/08	Nikolas Jensen	08/20	Pam ILL	08/30
Cassie Allard	08/09	Easten Myers	08/20	Jason Hiles	08/31
Dale Hanlin	08/09	Kayla Osborn	08/20	Larna Peterson	08/31
Diane Prusi	08/09	Heidi Tyree	08/20	Travis Schiefer	08/31
James Stratton	08/09	Jacob Koch	08/21	Peyton Woolwine	08/31
Katherine Werner	08/09	Teresa Malace	08/21		
Jeremy Kern	08/10	John Mallard	08/21		
Garry Knapp	08/10	Tyler White	08/21		
Janet Love	08/10	Lindsey Allen	08/22		
Jason Smith	08/10	Drake Carlyon	08/22		
Kathy ILL	08/11	Emma Dalton	08/22		
Ken ILL	08/11	Jacob ILL	08/22		
Tim Keinath	08/11	Andria Kern	08/22		
Tiffany Matzke	08/11	Masen O'Neil	08/22		
Felicia Ball	08/12	Mark Rude	08/22		
Kay Horning	08/12	Kenneth Sebert	08/22		
Jessica Lenk	08/12	Penny Younger	08/22		
Carolyn Petzold	08/12	Mary Sutton	08/23		
Matt Singer	08/12	Michael Albert	08/24		
Steven Titsworth	08/12	Brandon David	08/24		
Pattie Ziegler	08/12	Troy Dues	08/24		
Wanda Johnson	08/13	Jonathon Hoard	08/24		
Kelsey Platt	08/13	Lori Reinert	08/24		
Erin Schmandt	08/13	Rylie Mills	08/25		
Dale Todd	08/13	Matthew Blue	08/26		



*Happy Birthday*

# Financial Report / Thank You / LEAP / CEF

## June 2020 Income & Expense Summary

June General Fund Income (incl.school reg): \$118,454.66  
June General Fund Expenses: (\$73,449.55)  
June Surplus \$45,005.11  
Year to date: Deficit (\$18,616.16)  
Overall: Deficit - Gen Fund Checking Balance: (\$35,159.49)

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 06/30/2020: \$415,023.02  
Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024  
June 2020 Mortgage Payment (Deferred-will pay in July again \$10,000/month)  
\* Principal \$0.00  
\* Interest \$0.00  
Amount received to pay mortgage: \$14,660.33  
Amount Added to contingency fund: \$14,660.33  
Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$62,651.06

## Big Thank You

We wish to send out a big thank you to the several people who have volunteered to maintain the lawns and landscaping around the church and school.

The following is a list of those who are doing their part to keep our grounds looking great. If you feel the grounds are looking great be sure and reach out and offer a thank you to these dedicated persons.

If you would like to play a part in helping keep up the grounds please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jan Snyder 871-4420.

Shirley Snyder  
Bill and Carol Weber  
Melvin and Eleanor Ayotte  
Jan Snyder  
Trevor Gleason  
Wayne Jaruzel  
Arnie Petzold  
Dwight Radloff  
Steve Schmandt  
Russell Sherman and family  
Heather Sergent and family  
Rich Sherman and family  
Phil Erlenbeck and family  
Elizabeth Ehrmantraut and family  
Jackie Sabgash / Janet Love and families  
Rachel and Dusty Higgins/Michael Schiefer and families

Thanks to all and keep up the good work - the grounds do look great!



## LEAP News Nugget

### LEAP Seeks to Serve in Four Focus Areas

You have heard some things about LEAP (The "Lutheran Education Advancement Plan"), which supports and celebrates the educational ministries of 22 Lutheran congregations and 21 Lutheran schools in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region." You may also have seen or heard LEAP's purpose statement held high, declaring determination to "Advance Christ-Centered Education through Collaboration among Lutheran Churches and Schools."

In four primary areas of emphasis . . .

LEAP seeks . . . to promote working together, communication, and unity of purpose among congregations and schools (Inter-Congregation Collaboration), and . . .

LEAP seeks . . . to enhance marketing, public relations, and recruitment and retention of students, encouraging Lutheran and non-Lutheran community accessibility from early childhood through grade 12 (Enrollment Growth), and . . .

LEAP seeks to investigate and recommend best-in-class- school funding models, endowments, donations, grants, and financial aid Funding Options, and . . .

LEAP seeks to support the development, evaluation, and retention of high-quality teachers, administrators, and school board members, Professional Staff and School Board Development.

We pray that our God would continue to bless the Christian educational ministries of our Lutheran schools!

## CEF Representative

The Church Extension Fund is a great way to serve the mission of God and LCMS Churches in Michigan. Members invest in funds or notes and the proceeds are used for loans for building projects and loans to church workers. You can set up an IRA or invest for retirement. The rates are very competitive with current rates available through banks or credit unions. Check out their website at [mi-cef.org](http://mi-cef.org).

We are looking for someone to be the Church Extension Fund representative. You would be promoting CEF at St Paul. Your job would be to assist members and provide them with information about how to invest with CEF. You are not providing financial advice, but information about forms, rates, and options to invest. You have resources that are provided by CEF. You would attend an annual weekend conference also. If you are interested, you can contact John Petzold 871-6133 or Jim Weber 871-4063.

# Daily Lectionary / Misc.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August Daily Lectionary</b>						
<u>2</u> 1 Sam. 17:20-47 Acts 26:24-27:8	<u>3</u> 1 Sam. 17:48--18:9 Acts 27:9-26	<u>4</u> 1 Sam. 18:10-30 Acts 27:27-44	<u>5</u> 1 Sam. 19:1-24 Acts 28:1-15	<u>6</u> 1 Sam. 20:1-23 Acts 28:16-31	<u>7</u> 1 Sam. 20:24-42 1 Cor. 1:1-25	<u>8</u> 1 Sam. 24:1-22 1 Cor. 1:26-2:16
<u>9</u> 1 Sam. 25:1-22 1 Cor. 3:1-23	<u>10</u> 1 Sam. 25:23-44 1 Cor. 4:1-21	<u>11</u> 1 Sam. 26:1-25 1 Cor. 5:1-13	<u>12</u> 1 Sam. 28:3-25 1 Cor. 6:1-20	<u>13</u> 1 Sam. 31:1-13 1 Cor. 7:1-24	<u>14</u> 2 Sam. 1:1-27 1 Cor. 7:25-40	<u>15</u> 2 Sam. 5:1-25 1 Cor. 8:1-13
<u>16</u> 2 Sam. 6:1-19 1 Cor. 9:1-23	<u>17</u> 2 Sam. 7:1-17 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22	<u>18</u> 2 Sam. 7:18-29 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16	<u>19</u> 2 Sam. 11:1-27 1 Cor. 11:17-34	<u>20</u> 2 Sam. 12:1-25 1 Cor. 12:1-13	<u>21</u> 1 Kings 1:1-4; 15-35 1 Cor. 12:14-31	<u>22</u> 1 Kings 2:1-27 1 Cor. 13:1-13
<u>23</u> 1 Kings 3:1-15 2 Cor. 1:1-22	<u>24</u> 1 Kings 5:1-18 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17	<u>25</u> 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 2 Cor. 3:1-18	<u>26</u> 1 Kings 8:22-30; 46-63 2 Cor. 4:1-18	<u>27</u> 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13 2 Cor. 5:1-21	<u>28</u> 1 Kings 11:1-26 2 Cor. 6:1-18	<u>29</u> 1 Kings 11:42-12:19 2 Cor. 7:1-16
<u>30</u> 1 Kings 12:20-13:5; 33-34 2 Cor. 8:1-24	<u>31</u> 1 Kings 16:29-17:24 2 Cor. 9:1-15					

## Mask Up

As of July 10, 2020, any individual who leaves their home or place of residence must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth. **Michigan Executive Order 2020-142 (July 10, 2020)** This includes when you are in any indoor public space; and, when you're outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of your household.

For our purposes at St. Paul, the requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to individuals who: 1. Are younger than five years old, 2. Cannot medically tolerate a face covering, or, 3. Are officiating at a religious service.

What this means is that, as a business that is open to the public, you must wear a mask to enter St. Paul for any reason, unless you meet one of the three above exemptions. Signs will be posted at the doors as a reminder. A limited number of masks may be available if you forget yours. Our worship service rules and practices remain unchanged by this Executive Order.

We realize that this Executive Order is cheered by some and booed by others. We understand the constantly changing rules and practices are frustrating to all of us. All we ask is that you respect our leaders and staff as they apply the ever-changing rules and practices we are given to work with.

Finally, heed the words of St. Paul: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:3-7)

Let us, by the Spirit's power, imitate the humility of Christ Jesus while we suffer for a little while. For the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us (Romans 8:18).

Have a blessed day in Christ and thank you for doing your part in keeping everyone safe.



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A person who  
never made a

*Mistake*

Never tried anything new.