



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

August 2021

"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,

"Countless times in scripture we are told that it is only through God that we can live abundantly and in His peace, **whether we can see His gifts to us or not.**"¹ [emphasis added]

If we are honest, we tend to rely on tangible and visible "solutions." We have heard about the miracles that God has done in the Bible, and we say we believe in God's ability to help us. The snag comes when we personally have to rely on God's solutions. His ways and His times are not always according to our expectations. Isaiah 55:8 says, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.* Believing God has worked in someone else's life is easier than waiting for God to work in our own life. When we are living through it in real time, we struggle to see what God is doing in our timeline.

Singer Toby Mac puts it this way in a song about God coming to help. "I heard your heart, I see your pain. Out in the dark, out in the rain. Feels so alone, feels so afraid. I heard you pray in Jesus' name. May be midnight or mid-day. He's never early, never late. He will stand by what He claimed. Lived enough life to say... Help is on the way." Even though Toby Mac is a successful Christian artist, he has experienced much personal pain. He has learned to rely on God's help coming at the right time.

Trusting God does not always provide tangible and visible solutions. The nation of Judah was rebelling against God and not listening to His warning. He promised them salvation if they returned and rested in Him, assuring them that His strength was perfect for them. Yet they refused and instead trusted neighboring Egypt for help. Egypt provided horses that could be seen, but the Egyptian solution did not help. The lesson was that God does accomplish what we need, when we wait on His help.

Do we require a visible solution or will we trust God to help us in His way? Here is a reminder. God does provide a visual for us. God claimed us as His own precious child in the waters of Holy Baptism. Every day you see water, it is a reminder that God promised to "be here" for you. In the Sacrament of the Altar, we see bread and wine. When we physically receive these visible elements, we are also receiving the body and blood of Jesus. The Sacraments are visual reminders of the God who is with us. He delivers His invisible love and grace to us in visible ways.

It is tempting to rely on what we can see and touch, but God encourages us to live by faith in what He can do, **whether we can see His gifts to us or not.** God does not always work in visible ways, but there are three visible means through which God will bring us abundant life and peace. If you want true life and peace, then look to your Baptism, regularly receive the Lord's Supper and read the Written Word of God (the Bible). In Baptism, God promised to wash away your sin and claim you as His own child. He will never forsake you. Every time you receive the Lord's Supper, God gives you the grace that was intended for you on account of the physical suffering and death of Jesus. Every day, God desires for you to hear Him speak to you through the Bible in your time of need (and when things are going great). There are many ways God works that are not so visible, but here are the sure ways we can know that God will help us. I pray we will rely on these gifts from God, because He is always working to help us.

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

Pastor Bruner
1 John 4:10-11

¹ Quote from Anne Marie Miller in a devotion called "Beating Burnout: Finding hope and health."

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

Bible Study
Sunday 8:45 A.M.

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The August Messenger is sponsored in memory of Alan Petzold who would have been 63 years old this September 15th. We will forever miss him.

Worship News / Scripture / Memorials

Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM
Sundays at 10AM (Also live streamed)
Bible Study at 8:45AM in the Church
(Also live streamed)

Traditional service with Communion
2nd and 4th weekends

We will **no longer be serving communion on the porch**. Private communion will still be available by appointment by calling the church office 871-4581.

Contemporary service
1st, 3rd, and 5th weekends

To be added to our email list for the latest announcements, please go to www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7PM in the Library.

The Gathering

The Gathering will be on hold until further notice.

Men's Bible Study

Join us on Sat., August 7th at 8AM in the Library.

Voters' Meeting

Sun., August 8th at 10AM

Everyone is encouraged to attend and be part of the decision making in your church.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on
TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)
Sundays at 11:30AM on
WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio

goodbye July, hello
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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. 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

Days vary throughout the summer. Listen for the announcements before worship services.

Appointments can also be made if needed.

Call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Dale Peche's Birthday	
School Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Verna Trombley	
General Fund	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
In Memory of Phil Gordon Family's Loss	
School Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Benjamin Mays	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Joyce Koch	
General Fund	\$125.00

Scripture Readings

Aug. 1st

Ezekiel 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

Aug. 8th

1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51

Aug. 15th

Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

Aug. 22nd

Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

Aug. 29th

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:14-23

Upcoming Events / Meetings / Thank You / Support St. Paul

Upcoming Events

Zumba

Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM and Saturdays at 10AM in the Activity Center. \$1 at the door!

Lunches for Saginaw Rescue Mission

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Aug. 13th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

School Open House

Aug. 29th at 6PM beginning in the church. Bring your school supplies and meet the teachers.

First Day of School



Aug. 30th - First day of 2021-2022 School Year.

We will be off Sept. 3-6 to observe Labor Day. We will try to stay as close as we can to the Millington Public School calendar.

Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Aug. 3rd at 5:30PM

Council

Wed., Aug. 4th at 6:30PM in the Library

Stephen Ministry

Mon., July 9th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Elders

Wed., July 25th at 6:30PM in the Gathering Room



"A big **thank you** goes out to the following people who helped move tons of stone to improve our landscaping. The hard workers are: Shirley Snyder, Dick Glady, Phil Erlenbeck, Connor Erlenbeck, and Sawyer Keinath.

We also want to **thank** Dick Glady for the use of his truck and trailer. Thanks to Trust Investment Committee and the Voters' assembly for approving the money needed to buy the stones."

Ways to Support St. Paul

Grantparent Program

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.

Shop Online

Remember to support St. Paul while shopping online. Go to www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?61880 to show our valued teachers your support. You can go online to the stores on the website and the school will receive a percentage of your order. There are many stores to choose from, but you must go through the link in order for the school to get a percentage back.

St. Paul Yard Signs

Double Blessing: Yard signs promoting St. Paul Lutheran School are available in the school office for a donation of \$15 or more. Your donation will be a double blessing for the students and potential students of St. Paul. All profits will be given to our Grantparent Student Assistance Program, providing financial aid to families for tuition and fees to students attending St. Paul Lutheran School. By your placement of a sign in your yard, you are helping others know of our school which is able to share and show the awesome love of Jesus.

Fish Booth

The Millington Festival is almost here, and it's not too late to sign up to lend a hand in the Fish Booth. There's a job for everyone! If you can help out in any way, please call the church or school office. Thank you in advance for helping the booth to be a success!

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed at the school! We have many different ways for you to serve. Please call the school office if you can help in any way.

Support St. Paul and Help Keep the Earth Clean!

Please keep bringing in your inkjet cartridges and turn them to cash!

Drop Off in the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex.

Finance Summary / Area News/ Daily Lectionary

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 6/30/2021:	\$181,028.14
Debt free date if nothing changes: December 2022	
Balance as of 6/30/21 in contingency fund:	\$20,064.90
June offerings pay mortgage sent to CEF in July	\$9,904.40
June 2021 Mortgage Payment:P-\$9,337.82;I-\$662.18	\$10,000.00

June 2021 Income & Expense Summary

June General Fund Income:	\$92,879.90
June General Fund Expenses:	\$81,691.78
June surplus	\$11,188.12
Overall surplus (deficit) January 1 to June 30	\$(36,079.50)
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$129,092.91

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund June	\$2,982.96
Contributions to School Assistance Fund June	\$381.00
Here We Stand door offering June	\$701.00

Covenant Healthcare Volunteer Positions

If you or someone you know is interested in any volunteer opportunities at Covenant, please apply at covenanthealthcare.com or call 989-583-6040 for questions.

Volunteer Opportunities Available:

*Immediate Needs

Gift Shops-assist guests, run cash register, stock items
Mail Delivery*-deliver to depts. on both campuses

Information Desks*-greet visitors, answer phones, etc.

Surgical Desks*-communicate between operating room and patients' family

Patient Centered Volunteer Areas-interact with patients and make their stay more comfortable

McNally House Shuttle Service*-shuttle to and from hospital

Clerical Duties-assist with projects, data entry, etc.

Popcorn*-sell popcorn to employees & visitors



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> 1 Sam. 17:1-19 Acts 26:1-23	<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			August Daily Lectionary	



August Birthdays

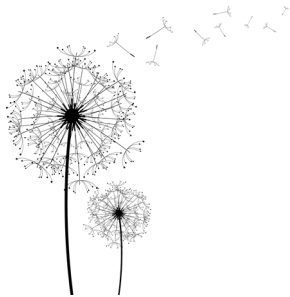


Ken Damm	1	Felicia Ball	12	Masen O'Neil	22
Jody Hunt	1	Kay Horning	12	Michael Aguirre	22
Olga Nims	1	Jessica Lenk	12	Lindsey Allen	22
Micheal Harrington	1	Steven Titsworth	12	Drake Carlyon	22
Sharon Mitchell	1	Karen White	12	Emma Dalton	22
Easton Ruppel	1	Erin Schmandt	13	Jacob ILL	22
Kellie Sherman	1	Wanda Johnson	13	Penny Younger	22
Patrick Allen	2	Kelsey Platt	13	Mary Sutton	23
Jeremy Frahm	2	Dale Todd	13	Aurora Hibner	23
Ivan Salem	2	Stacey Force	14	Michael Albert	24
Evan Reinert	3	Kathryn DeOrnellas	14	Troy Dues	24
Jeremy Colman	3	Victor Fabbro	14	Madilyn Draper	24
Alexis Reinert	3	Heath Keinath	14	Brandon David	24
William Hibner	4	Timothy Kern	14	Jonathon Hoard	24
Bradley Nielson	4	Aaron Reinbold	14	Lori Reinert	24
Stephen Ley	4	Hannah Penshorn	14	Rylie Mills	25
Brenda Ruppel	4	Heather Selich	15	Adam Jacobs	25
Jon Carnet	5	Charles Daenzer	16	Matthew Blue	26
Nathan Dalton	5	Roy Kauer	16	Tom Keinath	26
Lorie Keinath	5	Judy Kolaja	16	Laura Oliver	26
Scott Raymond	5	Maureen Kralik	16	Emmitt Stiff	26
Christie Stevens	5	Alyssa Okorowski	16	Janel Boensch	26
Matthew Grulke	5	Malachi Wager	16	John Hergenreder	26
William Sherman	5	Collin Paquette	16	Teresa Powell	26
Garret Woodward	5	Ashton Porter	16	Mark Reinert	26
Kristopher Watchpocket	5	Mason Wolfington	16	Olivia Ostrander	27
Gloria LaPointe	6	Duane Webster	16	Aryha Wendland	27
Greyson Jaruzel	6	Jennifer Herrick	17	Mike LaPointe	28
Tracey Gleason	7	Austin Loomis	17	Paul Schoenknecht	28
Alexandria Sergent	7	Lisa Merriam	17	Hailey Brown	28
Bonnie Fall	8	Megan Russell	17	Gary Lince	28
Keith, III Brown	8	Barbara Radloff	17	Andrew Rogers	28
Adam Knoll	8	Jeffrey ILL	18	Julie Keinath	29
Dale Hanlin	9	Alyson Freeman	18	Mary Davison	29
Diane Prusi	9	Ron Schiefer	19	Nick Ewing	29
Cassie Allard	9	Tina Petzold	19	Connie Singer	29
James Stratton	9	Hayden Rader	19	Aliyah Raymond	29
Katherine Werner	9	Kevin Adelberg	20	Jeffrey Higgins	29
Jeremy Kern	10	Nikolas Jensen	20	Terry Keinath	29
Garry Knapp	10	Easten Myers	20	Diane Selich	29
Janet Love	10	Kayla Osborn	20	Lincoln Tolbert	29
Jason Smith	10	Heidi Tyree	20	Kathleen Badgley	30
Kathy ILL	11	Matthew McGraw	21	Dawn Devereaux	30
Tim Keinath	11	Jacob Koch	21	Rachel Hibner	30
Ken ILL	11	Teresa Malace	21	Edward Hunt	30
Tiffany Matzke	11	John Mallard	21	Reid Deavey	30
Brayden Rondo	11	Tyler White	21	Pam ILL	30
Carolyn Petzold	12	Andria Kern	22	Larna Peterson	31
Matt Singer	12	Mark Rude	22	Peyton Woolwine	31
Pattie Ziegler	12	Kenneth Sebert	22	Jason Hiles	31
				Travis Schiefer	31



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One of the biggest mistakes we make
Is believing other people think the way we think.

Be Kind.

We don't have to agree to get along.