

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
4941 W. Center St.  
Millington, MI 48746  
www.stpaul-millington.org  
989-871-4581  
E-mail: churchoffice@spsmill.org

# St. Paul Monthly Messenger

## December 2012

Rev. James Bruner  
Rev. Kirk Abatelli

### *A Message from Pastor Bruner*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have just observed Thanksgiving and now many of us are preparing for Christmas.

For Christians, November and December host special holidays that actually influence us all year round. Thanksgiving is not just a one day event for food, family and the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. **Thanksgiving is a way of life**, as we look at all the blessings God has bestowed on us throughout the year and our lives. Christmas also marks the gift God gave for us to enjoy every day of the year.

Although this season can be very busy, remember to prepare for both the celebration of Jesus' birth and also His second coming. Through reflection and repentance in worship and quiet times with God we can **prepare our hearts** for the measure of rest that Jesus came to bring. Make room in your heart for Jesus, while others sadly say there is "no room" (Luke 2:7) for the Savior.

Are you searching for the **right gift for Christmas**? It begins with what God gave to each of us. We have received the only true Savior. The best gift we can give others is to share Jesus. Tell them about your Savior and bring them to our December worship services.

Have you considered giving God a gift? What gift can we possibly give to God that will be an appropriate response to the gift of His very own Son? How can we thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us? We face the dilemma of trying to give something to the Person who literally has everything.

What does God really want? Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...and... Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39). The wise men came to worship Jesus and give Him gifts of gold, incense and myrrh (Matt. 2:11). Based on these two Scripture passages, we would do well to give the same gifts of love and worship.

*The December Messenger  
is sponsored in memory of the  
59th wedding anniversary of  
Ernie & Irene Smith  
from Irene & Natalie.*

There are so many people who do not have thanksgiving in their hearts or even the true gift of Christmas (Jesus). Discouraging thoughts fill their minds as they face problems with their health or finances, broken relationships and homes that feel empty. There is stress and anxiety concerning the future. There is hunger. There is need for housing and furniture, heat, clothing and safety from physical hurt. What gifts do they need?

I cannot emphasize enough how your love inspired gifts of tithes and offerings to God are touching lives with the hope that Jesus brings. You are helping St. Paul Lutheran provide ministry for people who need spiritual and physical encouragement. Giving yourself in service to others through the ministry of St. Paul also gives thanks to God and shows your love.

I pray that each of us will give God thanks for all the blessings He gives us daily, as well as see how our love for God and others is the best gift we can give. Have a blessed **year of Thanksgiving and Christmas joy!**

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

Pastor James R. Bruner  
1 John 4:10-11



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School  
4941 W. Center St.  
Millington, MI 48746

Return Address Requested

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Millington, MI  
Permit No. 6

# December 2012



## *Upcoming Special Services*

### *Advent Services:*

*Dec. 5th, and Dec. 12th - 4PM & 7PM*  
*Soup Suppers each Wednesday during*  
*Advent from 5-6:30PM Free will donation*

### *Christmas Choir Concert:*

*Sunday, Dec. 2nd - 4PM*

### *Children's Christmas Services:*

*Wed., Dec. 19th - 6PM & Mon., Dec. 24th - 6PM*

### *Christmas Eve Service:*

*Candlelight - 9PM*

*Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion*

*New Year's Eve Service: 5PM +Communion*

*Note: There will be NO services on*  
*Sat., Dec. 22nd, Sat., Dec. 29th, and Tues., Jan. 1st.*



# Calendar of Events

## Storyhour

St. Paul offers a Storyhour program for preschool children on Tuesday OR Wednesday mornings from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. We will not meet when there is no school, for example, holidays or snow days.

Please call Lori Osborn if questions 989-205-9873.

## Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

## Zumba

Tuesdays at 6:15PM and Saturdays at 8AM in the Activity Center. \$2.00 per class. Everyone invited to exercise your body and soul.

## AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30PM in the Council Room. For more information contact Gary 989-710-6637.

## Heroes

Tuesday, December 4th & 18th at 7:30PM

## Bake Sale / Auction

The 7th grade is having a **bake sale and auction** the weekend of Dec. 1st & 2nd to earn money for the Washington D.C. trip.



## Buy One Get One Free Book Fair

Sun., Dec. 2nd after services and after the Christmas concert.

## UPCOMING SCRAPBOOK EVENT

**Saturday, December 8th**

9AM-7PM in the St. Paul Parish Hall

Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door.  
Great Food! Great Fun! Make New Friends!  
....and Prizes too!

Bring your own stamping &/or scrapbook supplies, a dish to pass and beverages if you want other than coffee or H2O.

A Representative from Stampin' Up, Creative Memories, and Scrapbooker's Hideaway will be set up with supplies, lessons, "how-to's" and ideas. Items can be purchased.

**PLEASE R.S.V.P.** – in the school office,  
or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or at  
[jenco33@yahoo.com](mailto:jenco33@yahoo.com)

**SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT  
LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES  
MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

## Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., Dec. 9th at 1:30PM

All members are encouraged to attend.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline  
Friday, December 14th

## Poinsettias

A sign up sheet to order **Poinsettias for the altar** is on the glass case in the narthex. The cost is \$15.00 each. Please include your name, bulletin wording, phone number and color preference by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Offices Closed

The offices will be closed for the holidays  
Dec. 24th & 25th and Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st.

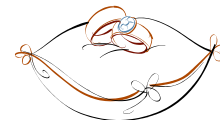
## New Year's Eve Lock-In

**"It's Always a Good Time!"** New Year's Eve Celebration for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Paul. Come celebrate the New Year in a fun way playing games, singing, devotions and small prayer groups. We will be starting Mon., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 1PM and going until Tues., Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM. We will have hot dogs, chips, fruit & veggies for lunch, pizza for dinner, snacks later in the evening, and donuts & fruit for breakfast. Advance tickets are \$5.00 or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your own pillow/sleeping bag if you don't think you can make it through the night. There will be chaperones. Any questions, please call Katrina 871-2660 or email [wagerted@yahoo.com](mailto:wagerted@yahoo.com) or call Laura Gleim 871-4581. Donations are needed. Please give to the church office. Thank you!

*Congratulations and God's Blessings  
on the Upcoming Weddings of:*

*Lorie Hunt & Dwight Keinath  
December 8th*

*Nancy Brown & Ralph Warby  
December 15th*





# December Schedule



<b>December</b>		
<b>Acolytes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30PM Mason Lugg
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11AM Addy Ley & Steve
	5 <sup>th</sup> Advent	4PM Seth Mittler & Jason Ketels
	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
	9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM Tim Singer & Kent or Aaron
	9 <sup>th</sup>	11AM Bethany Daenzer & Tim
	12 <sup>th</sup> Advent	4PM Shane & Owen Reinig
	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM Danielle DeOrnellas & Dennis
	16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30AM Aaron Singer & Kent or Tim
	16 <sup>th</sup>	11AM Jakob Selich & Christian
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30PM Mason Lugg
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11AM Erin Blumberg & Steve
	25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	10AM Garrison Hecht & Gary
	30 <sup>th</sup>	11AM ReAnna Hecht & Gary

<b>Greeters</b>	First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy III
		11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims
	Second Sunday	8:30AM	
		11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel
	Third Sunday	8:30AM	Dianne Scarborough, Natalie Smith
		11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
	Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
		11:00AM	Evelyn Gregory, Anna Tuttle
	Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
		11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt
	Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
	Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

<b>Ushers</b>	7:30PM	Larry Beagle, Captain Jan Snyder, Jim Jaruzel, Ed Keinath
	8:30AM	Dennis Rodammer - Captain; Dwight Keinath - Assistant Michael Albert, Ken Auernhammer, Corey Harry, Mitchel III, Russell III, Ryan III, Luke Platt, Eugene Weiss, Bud Zeck, Mike Ziegler
	11:00AM	Richard Harpst - Captain; Jay Rodammer - Assistant Heath Keinath, Andrew Maschke, John Petzold, Hans Schmandt, Michael Sherman, Rick Sherman, Adam Wolverton, Randy Wolverton

<b>Church Sextons</b>		<b>Altar Guild</b>	7:30PM	Lillian Sergent
Rodger & Judy Grulke	Elmer Snover		8:30AM	Shirley Petzold
Ron & Ruth Mieske	Ted & Katrina Wager		11AM	Jan McKee
Ed & Marcia Keinath	Rod & Nancy Wilson			

**Thank you** to everyone who in any way volunteers their time to help with the worship services.  
May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.



# December Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



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

**God's  
Richest  
Blessings  
on Your  
Birthday!**



# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

- ✠ **Background of the Bible – What the Bible Says about Religion & Politics** - Led by Pastor Bruner in the Parish Hall.
- ✠ **Adult Instruction Class** – Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Projects Room.
- ✠ **Lutheranism 101** – Led by Ed White in the Library.
- ✠ **High School Bible Study** – Led by Laura Gleim in the Youth Room.

## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

This is an open invitation to any and all men of St. Paul Lutheran Church who would like to fellowship with your fellow brothers in Christ. We will meet every first Saturday of the month at 7:30 AM in the school library. Through this Bible series, we will highlight men and women in the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people – people like you – to do extraordinary work. For December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be looking at **Gideon**.

By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, we will describe how God chose someone from the smallest clan and the least important in His family to carry out His plan to deliver His people; affirm that God can do mighty things through anyone who He chooses; and we will discover some things that God might be challenging you to accomplish.

Please make sure to review chapters 6 and 7 in the book of Judges beforehand. As always, coffee and milk as well as doughnuts will be provided. I cannot wait to see you there.

### Upcoming Dates:

- |                  |                               |                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jan. 5, 2013     | Samson                        | Judges, Chap.13-16    |
| February 2, 2013 | Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego | Daniel, Chap. 3       |
| March 2, 2013    | Daniel                        | Daniel, Chap. 1, 2, 6 |

## Meetings

**Board of Education** Mon., Dec. 3 at 6PM

**Council** Wed., Dec. 5 at 8PM

**Stephen Ministry** Mon., Dec. 10 at 7PM

**Trustees** Sun., Dec. 16 at 7PM

**Elders** Wed., Dec. 26 at 7:30 PM

**Dorcus** Tues., Jan 8th at 2:30PM Planning Committee

## Church Offering Envelopes

2013 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex. Please do not use them until January 1, 2013. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the church office.

## December Scripture Readings

### December 2nd

Jeremiah 33:1-16

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

### December 9th

Malachi 3:1-7b

Philippians 1:2-11

Luke 3:1-20

### December 16th

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-35

### December 23rd

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-56

### December 30th

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

## Ministry Perks

**Ministry Perks** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter earnings were \$42.20. Thank you to all who remembered to use your Ministry Perks card when making purchases at the Family Christian Bookstore! **What is the Ministry Perks Program?** Family Christian stores track all purchases made by perk card members at any of the Family Christian Stores. A rebate certificate equal to 5% of the total spent is sent to our church to use any products at FCS. Free perk cards are available in the church office.

## Musical Opportunities

### Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

### Worship Band

Mondays at 6PM

### Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

### Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

### Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM



## Serving / Memorials / Misc.

### Serve the Lord by Serving Others

#### Giving Tree

**Stars are on the Giving tree!** LCFS stars are needed unwrapped by December 5th, and stars for local families can be wrapped (no bows please) and returned no later than December 13th, with the star firmly attached. Please search your heart and help us make CHRISTmas seem a miracle for those who need our help. Thank you!

We will be assembling **cookie tins** again this year to add to our family baskets for the **Giving Tree**. Remember us when you do your CHRISTmas baking! We would need them by Dec. 17th or 18th. We could also use some CHRISTmas wrapping paper if you have some extra that you would be willing to share. Thank you!



#### Candy Bags

Donations are needed to help purchase items for the candy bags that are distributed following the Children's Christmas Services. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Candy Bags" and put in the offering plate or bring to the school office by Sun., Dec. 16th.



#### Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for 2013. Each mailing costs \$120.00 per month. Please call the church office to reserve a month.

### DECEMBER 2012 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY AND CELEBRATION OF Marion Schiefer's birthday General Fund	\$ 700.00
IN MEMORY OF Wayne Jensen and David Premo General Fund	\$ 20.00
IN MEMORY OF Harold Schion General Fund	\$ 5.00
IN HONOR OF Dale and Valerie Peché's 54 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary LCMS World Relief	\$ 54.00
IN MEMORY OF Wallace Petzold General Fund	\$2,225.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
To Be Designated by Memorial Committee	\$ 20.00
Praise Team	\$ 25.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR our St. Paul Family Church and School Send Out Cards	\$ 25.00
IN MEMORY OF Clayton Damm General Fund	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Choir	\$ 65.00
To Be Designated by Family	\$ 553.00

### "October Baby"

**October Baby Movie Alert!!!** As the curtain rises, Hannah steps onto the stage...only to collapse moments later. Countless medical tests all point to one underlying factor: Hannah's difficult birth. The doctor's diagnosis is nothing compared to her parents' revelation: Hannah was adopted – after a failed abortion attempt.

Bewildered, angered, and confused, Hannah begins an incredible journey with Jason, her oldest friend. As she searches to discover her hidden past and find hope for her unknown future, Hannah realizes life can be so much more than you've planned.

To coincide with Life Sunday, St. Paul Lutheran will be showing *October Baby* on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, with a starting time of 2 PM. The movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic material and lasts for about two hours.

#### **Beginning Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – 4 week Bible Study**

**What if...**everything you thought to be true in your life was not as it seemed. *October Baby* is the coming-of-age story of Hannah Lawson, a beautiful and naïve college freshman who discovers that her entire life is a lie. Hannah sets out on a road trip to discover herself. Ultimately, she finds the freedom she has always wanted and the true meaning of forgiveness.

We would love for you to dedicate four weeks of your time to the Lord to embark on a life-changing personal journey through a Bible study that is built around dynamic movie themes and group interaction. This study will help you dig into topics like the **truth about secrets; discovering your true identity; power of forgiveness; and the joy of restoration**. Please come and "Change the way you look at the world, your loved ones, and life itself."

# Miscellaneous / Area News

## 2013 Election Results

*President:* Jeff Yorke

*Board of Elders:* Tim Brown, David Kaiser, Jim Kribbs

*Board of Education:* Diane Bishop, Mike Hoard

*Board of Evangelism:* Velva Cobanovich, Heidi Woolwine

*Board of Fellowship and Youth:* Lisa Bentley, Jake Petzold

*Board of Stewardship:* Lana Glady, Eugene Weiss

*Board of Trustees:* Tedd Burton, Roger Leach, Robert Loomis

*Board of Social Concerns:* Jan McKee, Denise Miller

*Salary and Personnel:* Mike Kern, Ed White, Sharon Wyman



Thank you to everyone who agreed to run for an elected leadership position within St. Paul Lutheran Church. A congregation the size of St. Paul relies on dedicated and involved people to thrive and survive. Whether you won or lost the position you were nominated for, please stay engaged in church work. You can assist any board in its efforts, whether you won an election or not. Thank you again for your dedication and service by running for a board position.

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
 The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
 The warmth of Christmas grant you love.  
 ~Author Unknown

## Lutheran Witness

The Lutheran Witness provides stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Features include: Stories on current events and how they affect the church; Doctrinal, theological, and confessional stories; Articles highlighting the Christian's walk with God; Bible studies involving reader participation; and much more! If you would like to subscribe to this magazine, call the church office by Mon., Dec. 10th to take advantage of the discounted price of \$10.50.

## Flower Chart

The **2013 Flower Chart** is hanging in the church hallway between the mailboxes. When signing up for altar flowers, please add your name, phone number and if you would like center or side vases. Thank you.

## Staff Christmas Gift

If you would like to contribute for a Christmas gift to our church and school staff, you may give to the staff directly or you may use the church envelope provided and your gift will be divided among all the staff. Please place your **cash** donation in the envelope as any checks written will need to be reported by the church as income to the IRS. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or given to the church office. Please note this gift is not tax deductible to the giver. Thank you!



## **Christmas is right around the corner**



Remember to get your gift cards.

**SCRIP (gift cards) are on hand in the school office.**

(ex. Walmart, Target, Kohls, Sears, JCPenney, Amazon, iTunes, Bath & Body, Claires, Menards, Lowes, Home Depot, Dunhams, Cabela's, Gander Mountain, Family Christian Bookstore, Bass Pro Shop, Applebees, Red Lobster, Logans Roadhouse, BD Mongolian BBQ, Burger King, Subway, Taco Bell). Gift cards make great Christmas, birthday, anniversary and wedding gifts.

**Church Sextons are Needed!** You will be fully trained for the church services, weddings, funerals, etc. A complete job description is available in the office. Please prayerfully consider training for this position and call the church office if interested.

Carryover Deficit as of 9/30/12		(\$106,815.36)
October General Fund Income	\$72,787.28	
October General Fund Expenses	(\$98,939.96)	
+/- For Month of October		(\$26,152.04)
Ongoing Deficit to Date		(\$132,968.04)
(Includes Line of Credit Balance Due)		
<b>**Line of Credit Balance Due as of 10/31/12</b>		<b>\$25,819.71</b>
Building Fund		12,862.00
Missions (Budgeted & Non-Budgeted)		1,482.27
T.I.M.		936.89
VLHS		267.69
Boiler Fund		746.15



## December 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Notes:</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School Adult Instruction Class						<b>1</b> 7:30AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8AM Zumba 9AM Choir <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>2</b> <i>BOGO Book Fair</i> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> **9:45AM See Notes** 9:45AM Brass <b>11AM Worship</b> 2PM Men's Open Gym 4PM Christmas Concert	<b>3</b> 6PM Board of Education 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation 7PM Stephen Ministry	<b>4</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30PM Evangelism 7:30PM AA 7:30PM Heroes	<b>5</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 4PM Worship <i>Cantate</i> 5-6:30PM Soup Supper 7PM Worship 8PM Council	<b>6</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>7</b> 6PM Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8AM Zumba 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 3PM Wedding Lorie Hunt & Dwight Keinath <b>7:30PM Worship+C</b>
<b>9</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Handbells</i> **9:45AM See Notes** 9:45AM Brass <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <i>Handbells</i> 1:30 Voters' 2PM Men's Open Gym 6:30PM Youth	<b>10</b> 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation 7PM Stephen Ministry	<b>11</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting  7:30PM AA	<b>12</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 4PM Worship <i>Cherub</i> 5-6:30PM Soup Supper 7PM Worship	<b>13</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>14</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i> 6PM Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 8AM Zumba  2PM Wedding Nancy Brown & <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>16</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> <i>Free Spirit</i> **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Worship Contemporary</b> 2PM Men's Open Gym 6:30PM Youth 7PM Trustees	<b>17</b> 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>18</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA 7:30PM Heroes	<b>19</b> 9-11AM Storyhour  6PM Children's Service	<b>20</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8AM Zumba  <b>No Worship</b>
<b>23</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> <i>Church Choir</i> 9:30AM Christian Care Committee **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Worship+C Contemporary</b> 2PM Men's Open Gym 6:30PM Youth	<b>24</b> No School Offices Closed  6PM Children's Service 9PM Candlelight	<b>25 CHRISTmas</b>  <b>10AM Worship+C</b>  Offices Closed	<b>26</b>  6:30PM Worship Team 7:30PM Elders	<b>27</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>28</b> →	<b>29</b>  <b>No Worship</b>
<b>30</b> Youth Service <b>8:30AM Worship</b> **9:45AM See Notes** <b>11AM Worship</b> 2PM Men's Open Gym	<b>31</b> Offices Closed <b>5PM New Years Eve Worship +C</b>  1PM-10AM Youth New Year's Celebration					



St. Paul Lutheran School

# St. Paul Lutheran School

## December 2012



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!



Philippians 2:10



### Important December Dates

Dec. 2	St. Paul Christmas Concert	4:00 p
Dec. 5	Advent Services 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.	
Dec. 12	Advent Services 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.	
Dec. 19	Children's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 21	Chapel service, last day of class before Christmas Break	
Dec. 22- Jan. 1	Christmas Vacation	
Dec. 24	Children's Christmas Service	6:00 p.m.



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 faculty, janitors and cooks. Please consider helping us by placing your donation in an envelope and placing it in the offering plate or giving it to the office.

Christmas candy bags will once again be given out to the children after the Children's Christmas Services. If you would like to donate candy (for 300 bags) or money to help defray the costs, please take you donation to the school office no later than Dec. 16<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

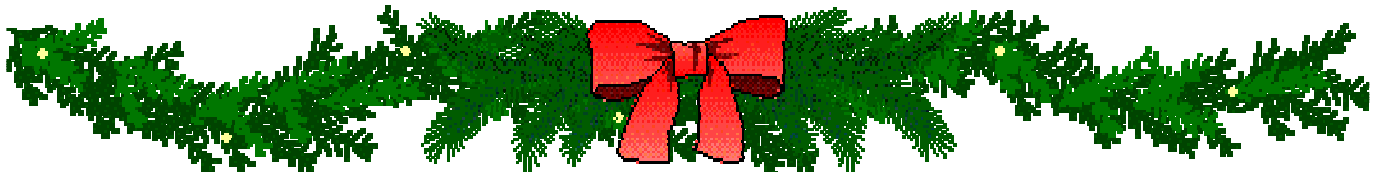
Dec. 2	Church Christmas Concert :all school choirs, Junior Bells, Band,	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Cantate Choir	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Cherub Choir	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	Free Spirit Choir	4:00 p.m.



**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	CTK Girl's Invitational Tournament	TBA
	at Christ the King, Sebewaing	
Dec. 4	at St. Paul, Flint	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	home with Peace, Saginaw	4:30 p.m.



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