



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

December 2023

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

A Message from Pastor

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Saturday 7PM
Sunday 8:30 & 11AM
(11AM also live-streamed)
Bible Study/Sunday School

10AM
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you are reading this, you probably know who Bob Hope is. He once said, *"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things, not the great occasions, give off the greatest glow of happiness."*

The simplest yet greatest glow I know is a candle at the Christmas Candlelight service. This simple thing connects my heart and mind to one of the greatest love stories of all time.

Here is part of the story. There was a very dark place filled with tremendous pain and suffering. God came into this darkness as a small fragile light. Although the light was small, it was able to drive away the darkness wherever it was. In this light there was unconditional love for any and every person.

If you are reading this, you probably know this love story.

Bob Hope was known for bringing joy and hope to others, especially through his work with the U.S.O. His love for life and comedy made dark and heavy hearts laugh, but he was not the Light.

Jesus is the Light that brings joy and hope to others.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a wit-

ness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

As we approach Christmas, bring joy and hope to others. Keep it simple.

- Think of someone right now who is "in the dark."
- Pray and ask God to help you bring the Light (Jesus) into the darkness of this someone.
- Tell this someone how a small candle reminds you of the greatest love story of all time.
- Invite a fellow church member, or someone who is not a member, to join you for weekend worship and the Advent and Christmas services.

God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son to be a single Light of hope in our dark places. Jesus brings Light into our lives and enables us to share this Light with others. I pray that you will have joy and hope in Jesus this month and always.

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

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



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Worship Times / Scripture

St. Paul Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM
Livestream at 11AM
Bible Study/Sunday School
Sundays at 10AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM
2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &
Sat. eve of that weekend

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend



Sundays at 10AM

Preschool–Grade 2 Faith

Spark: Daycare Room

Grades 3-5 Faith Flare:

Projects Room

Grades 6-12 Faith Ignite/

Flame: Youth Room

Adults Faith Blaze: Parish Hall

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care in the nursery for children too young to attend the early childhood program.

Coffee Hour between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." Volunteers needed to keep Coffee Hour going. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Dear Christian Parents,

Children learn the language of their parents because their parents speak to them from the very beginning. This is not just true for English, Spanish, or German. It is true for the language of the Church.

Parents, speak the language of the Church to your children from the very beginning. Don't wait until they are in confirmation class. Don't wait until they are in Sunday school. Don't wait until they can talk. Speak the language of the Church to your children from the very beginning.

Participate in weekly public worship while you're holding them as infants and let them feel the rise and fall of your chest as you speak, sing, and pray. At home, hold your infant on the piano or in your arms so he can feel its vibrations as you sing hymns. Say the Creed together as a family. Teach them the Lord's Prayer. Pray with them before meals, after meals, and at bedtime. Speak the language of the Church to your children from the very beginning, and they will learn it.

Christmas Poinsettias

To order a **Poinsettia** for the altar, sign up on the glass case by Dec. 10th. Plants are \$20 each and can be picked up after the Christmas Day service. Please mark how paid on the sheet and make checks payable to Pam Hanlin.

Scripture Readings

Dec. 3rd

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Cor. 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 Thess. 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 24th

2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16

Rom. 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



Children's Bulletin Drawing

If your **child completes and turns in their children's bulletin** in the marked box in the lobby, they are entered into a drawing for a gift to strengthen and encourage their faith. Once a month, one (1) bulletin will be drawn at random for the gift. Please include a name and contact information. Every week is another opportunity to enter. This is a great way to encourage your child to participate in worship.



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

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

Upcoming Events

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall
Newcomers are always welcome. No skills necessary - we have something to do for everyone. Come and see how God can use your talents to help those in need.
Quilting will be on break Dec. 19, 26th, & Jan. 2nd.
We will resume on Jan. 9th.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., Dec. 2nd at 8AM in the Library.
Next month: Jan. 6th

Toys and Joys

Sat., Dec. 2nd 10-2

We are collecting **new or like-new toys**, books, teenager gifts, etc. for **Toys and Joys**. Drop off boxes will be in the narthex and outside the offices until Fri., Dec. 1.

Christmas Decorating

Sat., Dec. 2nd at 10AM in the church. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Christmas Concert

Sun., Dec. 3rd at 4PM
Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner Following.
Freewill Donation.

Scrapbooking

Sat., Dec. 9th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sun., Dec. 10th at 1:30PM in the Church
Everyone is encouraged to attend and be part of the decision making at St. Paul.

Attention Book Lovers

Introducing a book club for the women of St. Paul Lutheran. The book club will meet on the 2nd Sunday of every other month from 6:00-7:30pm. Our first meeting will be Dec. 10th. No long-term commitment necessary. You are able to participate as much or as little as desired. Contact Hannah Woolwine at (989) 395-5314 or fill out the sheet on the glass case in the Narthex to sign up.

Young at Heart

Thursday, Dec. 14th at 1PM in the Gathering Room
It is our dream to build relationships across the generations. Seniors are more likely to be able to attend, but all ages from young adult on up are welcome. We will enjoy food and getting to know one another better. We will spend time discussing God's Word and other topics. We may even take road trips! Bring a friend and discover how good it is to be young at heart!

Upcoming Special Services

Christmas Choir Concert:

*Sun., Dec. 3rd - 4PM
5PM Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner
hosted by PTL & Petzold Farms
All proceeds go to the Facility & Property
Improvement Fund.*

Advent Services - 6:30PM

Dinners at 5PM

*Wed., Dec. 6th - Free Spirit
Dinner hosted by the St. Paul Sports Teams*

*Wed., Dec. 13th - Pre-K
Dinner hosted by Social Concerns*

*Wed., Dec. 20th - Joyful Noise
Dinner hosted by PTL*

Children's Christmas Service:

Sun., Dec. 17th - 4PM

Christmas Eve Services:

*Sun., Dec. 24th - 10AM +Communion
Candlelight - 9PM*

Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion

Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Dec. 5th at 5:30PM

Council

Wed., Dec. 6th at 7:30PM in the Library

Voters' Assembly

Sun., Dec. 10th at 1:30PM in the Church

Board of Education

Tues., Dec. 12th at 6PM in the School Office

Elders

Wed., Dec. 27th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

His Little Lambs Childcare

We have immediate openings for 2 1/2 to 4 year old friends in our childcare room. We are open Monday thru Friday 6am-6pm. Please contact us for information about enrollment 989.871.4581 ext. 3.



Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Was Born

St. Paul Lutheran School

December 2023

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

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

Important December Dates

	Dec. 1	½ day of classes with bussing, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.	
	Dec. 3	Church Christmas Concert	4:00 p.m.
		followed by Songs of Praise dinner/Silent Auction	
	Dec. 6	Advent Service	6:30 p.m.
	Dec. 15	PTL Family CHRISTmas Movie	6:00 p.m.
	Dec. 6 & 10	Book Fair	
	Dec. 13	Advent Service/ Preschool CHRISTmas	6:30 p.m.
	Dec. 15	Last Day of classes	
	Dec. 16 - Jan. 2	Christmas Vacation	
	Dec. 17	K-8 CHRISTmas Service	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	CHRISTmas Eve Service	9:00 p.m.	
Dec. 25	CHRISTmas Service	10:00 a.m.	

If there is a school delay or cancellation, notifications are on any of the major television/radio stations and through our school notification system.

School Musical Opportunities



Dec. 3	Church Christmas Concert: all school choirs, Band	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Free Spirit	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Advent/ Preschool CHRISTmas Service	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	K-8 grade CHRISTmas Service	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	Joyful Noise	6:30 p.m.

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



Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball



Dec. 1	at St. Michael's, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at St. Paul, Flint	4:45 p.m.
Dec. 7	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	with Trinity-Trost	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at 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!

Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

I Corinthians 10:31

Memorials / Financial / Trust & Invest / Misc.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Martin Powell General Fund	\$110.00
In Memory of Louis Laux School Fund	\$10.00

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are age 70 1/2 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your individual retirement accounts (IRAs). If this applies to you, you may be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your RMDs. An IRA qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a way you can help continue our work and benefit this year.

Benefits of an IRA QCD

- Avoid taxes on transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to St. Paul
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for 2021.
- Reduce your taxable income.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Help further the work and mission of St. Paul.

How an IRA QCD Works

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to St. Paul. Any gift not designated will go to the General Fund.
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to St. Paul to help continue our important work.
- Please note that IRA QCD gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
- Please contact your tax professional or financial advisor for more information.

October 2023 Income & Expense Summary

October General Fund Income:	\$80,966.69
October General Fund Expenses:	\$99,085.71
October surplus (deficit)	\$(18,119.02)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$ 88,211.66)
Gen Fund Balance	\$373,958.74

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$177,320.75
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$288,570.26
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$76,379.08
All Memorials balance:	\$18,508.25
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$560,778.34

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund October	\$527.07
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund-Oct	\$30,949.90

Trust & Investment Donations The Gift That Keeps On Giving

September 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

Member donations	\$195.00
Memorials	\$800.00

Gifts given to Trust & Investment are invested. Per the church constitution the principal donation cannot be spent. Profits from the investments are disbursed annually per the Voters Assembly approval. Any recognized board of St Paul can submit requests. Requests are for projects and equipment not in the General Fund budget.

Total amount disbursed from funds earned in 2022 was \$47,113.00.

What is Thrivent Choice?

The Thrivent Choice program 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 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 2023, please call Thrivent or go online to www.thrivent.com.

Used Ink Cartridges

Please keep bringing in your ink 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. **Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted.** Please only bring in small ink cartridges.

Thank you!



Serve & Volunteer / Misc.

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

Giving Tree

The **Giving Tree** is in the narthex with Bring **un-wrapped** gifts to the church by Dec. 10th.

Staff Christmas Gift

Our St. Paul staff goes above and beyond daily for the work of kingdom. To show your appreciation, please consider giving to the "Staff Christmas Gift." Cash donations only can be placed in an envelope marked "Staff Gift" and put in the offering box, mailed to the office, or brought to the church or school office by Sun., Dec. 10th. **No checks please**, and remember, this is not a tax-deductible gift and will not be recorded on your statement. Thank you for remembering our staff this Christmas.

Preschool Donations

Preschool is looking for **Beanie Babies and 4-5-year-old Halloween costumes** to add to their dramatic play area. Please drop off in the school office or childcare entrance. Thank you!

Candy Bags

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. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Candy Bags" and placed in the offering box or brought to one of the offices by Sun., Dec. 10th. Thank you in advance!

Women's Shelter Collection

Dorcas is collecting items for the **Women's Shelter**. **Items needed:** Hand towels, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste. Place items in the cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!

Mission Lunch Prep

Fri., Dec. 8th at 1:30PM in the School Kitchen. All are welcome to help prepare the lunches which will then be delivered to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Grantparent Program

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 needs ongoing funds. If you are able to help continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please contact 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.

Messenger Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor the Messenger in honor or memory of someone for a month in 2024, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month.

Lost and Found

The shelf in the coat area in the narthex has items that have been left behind. Check to see if any of the items may be yours.

Calendar/Door Scheduling

If you need to book a room or the gym and **need the doors unlocked** for an event, practice, or meeting (or if your event is cancelled,) you need to call the church office at least a **couple days in advance** so the doors can be programmed. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring.

****Just a Reminder****

If you are having an event at St. Paul, we have paper products in the group storage cupboards you can use for a minimal fee. Fill out the form indicating how many items you used and bring payment to the office or have the amount deducted from your profits. It's simple and way cheaper than buying everything separately from the store. If you are having a large gathering, please call ahead to be sure we have enough items in stock. Call the office if questions.

Read the Bible with us!

We hope you are having fun and learning a lot by reading the Bible together with your family! Whenever you are done reading a book of the Bible, you can fill out a form and turn it into the office or your child's teacher. This month, we are reading the book of **Luke** to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. It's a big book! If you finish early, some other ideas would be to read from the Daily Lectionary (found in the Messenger) or from Proverbs. Every family who fills out at least one form during the year will be invited to a gathering at the end of the school year. Any family who reads all 9 focus books will be put in a drawing for a study Bible. We love to see you reading the Word of God!

December's Book: Luke

Day	Reading	Day	Reading	Day	Reading
1	Luke 1:1-80	9	Luke 9:1-62	17	Luke 17:1-37
2	Luke 2:1-52	10	Luke 10:1-42	18	Luke 18:1-43
3	Luke 3:1-38	11	Luke 11:1-54	19	Luke 19:1-48
4	Luke 4:1-44	12	Luke 12:1-59	20	Luke 20:1-47
5	Luke 5:1-39	13	Luke 13:1-35	21	Luke 21:1-38
6	Luke 6:1-49	14	Luke 14:1-35	22	Luke 22:1-71
7	Luke 7:1-50	15	Luke 15:1-32	23	Luke 23:1-56
8	Luke 8:1-56	16	Luke 16:1-31	24	Luke 24:1-53

Additional Devotional Resources: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/luke/> <https://www.biblereadingplan.org/luke/>

Church Calendar

The Time of Christmas

Advent

Begins on the fourth Sunday Before December 25, or the Sunday closest to the Festival of St. Andrew (Nov. 30), and ends with midday prayer on Dec. 24.

The Savior's birth is second in importance only to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. During the Time of Christmas, Christians reflect on God's great and gracious gift of Himself.

The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into"), a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world.

In Advent, we wait for our coming King.

Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 11:1-2; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-25;
Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

Advent Practices and Traditions

- ◆ The color for Advent is blue, which symbolizes anticipation and hope in our coming King. Violet can also be used during Advent as a symbol of our repentance in preparation for our coming King.
- ◆ We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service during Advent. This is the angels' song at Christmas, so during Advent we pass over this traditional Hymn of Praise in silent anticipation.



- ◆ It has become common to use an Advent wreath to mark the season. This wreath has four candles – one for each week in Advent. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation mounts as we look forward to Jesus' coming.
- ◆ We gather for midweek services. These services heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh.

The Time of Christmas

Christmas and its Season

Begins with evening prayer on Christmas Eve and ends with midday prayer on Jan. 5th.

Christmas tells the story of Jesus as the long-awaited King who has finally come to save us. Jesus, God's Son, the King of heaven and earth, is born in Bethlehem—the Son of God is a baby lying in a manger.

The evening services of Christmas Eve mark the beginning of the Church's celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. The season continues after Dec. 25th over a period traditionally known as the twelve days of Christmas. This season includes a number of lesser festivals: The Festival of St. Stephen, the first martyr, occurs on Dec. 26th. St. John, apostle and evangelist, is remembered on Dec. 27th. The death of the babies in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:16-18) is observed on Dec. 28th as the Festival of the Holy Innocents. The circumcision and naming of Jesus on the eighth day after His birth (Luke 2:21) is celebrated on Jan. 1st.

At Christmas, we worship our God made flesh.

Luke 2:1-24; John 1:1-18; Galatians 4:4-5

Christmas Practices and Traditions

- ◆ We sing the Gloria in Excelsis and join the angels at Christmas in their Hymn of Praise: "Glory be to God on high: and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men."
- ◆ The color for Christmas and its season is white, symbolizing the divinity, eternity, purity, light, and joy of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Many Christians celebrate with special services during the Christmas season. A special Divine Service late on Christmas Eve reminds us how the angels announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds who were "keeping watch over their flock by night." On Christmas Day, we celebrate the Word of God made flesh and receive Him in the Means of Grace. And on Jan. 1st, eight days after His birth, we gather in worship to begin the year in His name, Jesus, which means "the Lord saves," for He has come to save His people from their sins.

Peace on Earth and Blessings on the New Year!

Daily Lectionary // Thank You / Area News

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December Daily Lectionary						
3 Is. 9:8-10:11 1 Pt. 5:1-14	4 Is. 10:12-27; 33-34 2 Pt. 1:1-21	5 Is. 11:1-12:6 2 Pt. 2:1-22	6 Is. 14:1-12 2 Pt. 3:1-18	7 Is. 24:1-13 1 John 1:1-2:14	8 Is. 24:14-25:12 1 John 2:15-29	9 Is. 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24
10 Is. 26:20-27:13 1 John 4:1-21	11 Is. 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21	12 Is. 29:1-14 Jude 1-25	13 Is. 29:15-30:14 Rev. 1:1-20	14 Is. 30:15-26 Rev. 2:1-29	15 Is. 30:27-31:9 Rev. 3:1-22	16 Is. 32:1-20 Rev. 4:1-11
17 Is. 33:1-24 Rev. 5:1-14	18 Is. 34:1-2; 8-35:10 Rev. 6:1-17	19 Is. 40:1-17 Rev. 7:1-17	20 Is. 40:18-41:10 Rev. 8:1-13	21 Is. 42:1-25 Rev. 9:1-12	22 Is. 43:1-24 Rev. 9:13-10:11	23 Is. 43:25-44:20 Rev. 11:1-19
24 Is. 44:21-45:13; 20-25 Rev. 12:1-17	25 Is. 49:1-18 Matt. 1:1-17	26 Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-5:18; 51:12-16 Matt. 1:18-25	27 Is. 51:17-52:12 Matt. 2:1-12	28 Is. 52:13-54:10 Matt. 2:13-23	29 Is. 55:1-13 Luke 1:1-25	30 Is. 58:1-59:3; 14-21 Luke 1:26-38
31 Is. 60:1-22 Luke 1:39-56						

Special Thanks!!

A **heartfelt thank-you** is extended to all who donated pillows, sheets or financially to the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw. Your gift will provide needed comfort during challenging times in the lives of homeless individuals.

A **special thanks** to all who volunteered—brought a dessert, washed dishes, helped prep, helped clean up, cut desserts, served drinks, and all the other “jobs” that go into making the Smorgasbord successful! You are appreciated! Thanks again!

Area News

Valley Lutheran High School special chapel service on Thurs., Nov. 30th to formally dedicate **Al Kaul as Executive Director** in service to the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School. Guests are encouraged to arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. with the service beginning at 10:15 a.m. You are also invited to stay for a cake and punch reception immediately following the chapel service. We hope you will join us!

German Christmas Song Fest Sun., Dec. 3rd at 3PM, at St. Lorenz Church. German carols, hymns, and scriptures, harp pre-service music beginning at 2:45 pm, Afterward, please visit the log cabin and church bells specially decorated for a pioneer Christmas. Free will donation. Please join us as we celebrate the Savior’s birth!

Living Nativity at Immanuel Lutheran Church Fri., Dec. 1st 7-9PM; Sat., Dec. 2nd 6-8PM; Sun., Dec. 3rd 6-8PM. Free 30-minute outdoor walk, refreshments following. For more info go to frankentrost.org.

The annual **Valley Lutheran Choral Christmas Concert** will be held on Sun., Dec. 10th at 3PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bay City.

Ever considered participating in a **short-term mission trip**? Valley Lutheran is leading a group to Ensenada, Mexico this summer and has a few more openings. To see what this trip is all about check out the video at www.vlhs.com/bajavideo or visit www.bajabound.org. An informational meeting will be held on Mon., Dec. 11th at 7PM at Valley. Contact Mrs. Brenner at rbrenner@vlhs.com with any questions.





December Birthdays

Andrew Weber	1	Jeffrey Johnston	11	Steven, Sr. Holmes	20
Taylor Wirsing	1	Janette Keinath	11	Allen Marks	20
Kamden Keinath	1	Dana Earl	11	Chester Petzold	20
Deborah ILL	1	Terry Reinbold	11	Norma Taylor	20
Delores Reinert	2	Jason Stewart	11	Alexis Hudie	20
Tyler Rude	2	Logan Wirsing	12	Holli Johnson	20
Logan Myers	2	Linda Windt	12	Seth Sundberg	20
Jodi Torrey	2	Cameron Loomis	12	Trudie Mohr	20
Ella Chapman	2	Michelle Stewart	12	Julie Rude	21
Zachary Simon	2	Margaret Matthews	12	Megan Curtis	21
Kara Polk	3	Margaret Matthews	12	Trenton Weber	21
Jeremy Corrigan	3	Fran Carnet	13	Nicholas Schultz	21
Brooklyn Ewing	3	Gerry Smith II	13	Carlee Brookins	21
Dawn Knoll	3	Ashtyn Stewart	13	Jakki Petzold	22
Kara Stevens	3	Harper Koeltzow	13	Collin Strouth	22
Melissa Sandusky	3	Lisa Bach	14	Connor Simon	22
Sarah Waterman	3	Dennis Schmidt	14	Natalie Laude	22
Daniel Petzold	4	Alison Reinig	14	Larry Kammer	23
Lori Kowitz	4	Amy Casto	14	Alex Kern	23
Holly Leach	4	John Allard	15	Sheila Peche	23
Brad Sayles	4	Karen Bruner	15	Sarah Campbell	23
Deb Hazel	4	Melissa Hager	15	Marlene Keipinger	23
William Woodward	5	Cherri Herrick	15	Rhonda Nielson	23
Eric Galant	5	Doris Meier	15	Arnie Petzold	24
Daniel Karcher	5	Lincoln Keinath	15	Gary Wagner	24
Lucas Dobis	5	Dylan Horning	15	Christine Jaruzel	24
Scott Jensen	6	Jonah Horning	15	Finnlee Lowrey	24
Kari Johnston	6	Nicolas Horning	15	Jena Giardini	25
Connie Keinath	7	Cheryl Anderson	16	Kassandra Mills	26
Faydra Myers	7	Denise Miller	16	Anna Reinig	26
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Chy Rueckert	10	Dane Coleman	19	Teresa Walter	31
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Geri Blue	11	Paul Rogers	19	Dean Mason	31
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