



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### February 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,

I want you to have peace in your heart, because you are loved by God.

If you know who Rod Serling was and remember the "Twilight Zone," you will understand what I am about to say. If you don't, then you will know how to Google it or find an explanation on the internet. Anyway, it feels like we have been living in a "Twilight Zone" episode. We can recall what we consider normal, but we are in a strange new setting. Daily life is now awkward and uncomfortable. Either we are acting strange or it is everyone around us. We have our own anxieties, or we have someone we care about whose anxiety keeps us away at a safe distance but still affects us inside. It is like no one knows for sure what is real.

Our lives may not return to what we thought was normal, but we can have peace despite the bizarre circumstances we face. ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*** *Phil. 4:6-7* The peace God brings ***"transcends all understanding."***

Our situation is affected by what we think and what we choose to dwell upon. That is why the Apostle Paul wrote the next verses: ***<sup>8</sup> "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*** Paul's life

went through many unexpected twists. Perhaps, that is why he said for other Christians to follow his example. Our lives will not remain the way they were, therefore dwell upon the Lord, His plan and ultimately His love.

February celebrates the theme of love. Valentine's Day is nice, but it does not bring a deep abiding peace. I want you to have peace because God LOVES you. His will is best. Even if we get sick, even if we suffer loss, even if we die, God is still working it out for our good. Peace comes when we trust God, because He says over and over that He loves us. Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, is evidence of God's love for us in a tangible form. He came into this twisted world to make everything right (not normal).

In any situation we face, or thought we have, we have the ability to say, "I choose to trust God." Truthfully, we have been trained to believe that being free of any suffering is the good life. The good life comes through God's love and the faith that He works all things out for our good. Receive God's peace and read Romans 8:18-39.

Yes, be safe and take precautions. However, live each day free from anxiety and fear. Live with the peace that surpasses all understanding because you know that God loves you. Whatever episode you are in God will be working in all things for the good.

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

Pastor Jim Bruner

<sup>10</sup> "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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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 February Messenger is sponsored by Ron & JoAnne Petzold.*

# Worship News / Scripture / Memorials / Financial Summary

## Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM  
Sundays at 10AM (Also live streamed)

Traditional service with Communion  
2nd and 4th weekends

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

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

Monday through Wednesday from 11-3PM  
or by appointment.

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$336,837.17  
Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024  
2020 Mortgage Payment \$10,000.00  
\* Principal \$8,769.22  
\* Interest \$1,230.78  
Nov. offerings received to pay mortgage: \$64,582.88  
(\$53,000 to principal)  
Amount Added to contingency fund in Dec.: \$3,214.04  
Balance as of 12/31/20 in contingency fund: \$80,475.77

## Dec. 2020 Income & Expense Summary

General Fund Income:	\$90,036.43
General Fund Expenses:	\$74,432.08
<b>Dec. Surplus</b>	<b>\$15,604.35</b>
<b>Overall Surplus to date</b>	<b>\$148,073.89</b>
<b>Gen Fund Checking Balance</b>	<b>\$159,837.17</b>

## Year End Giving Statements

**Tax statements** are available to download - just log into your Shelby account. Don't have an account established? It's easy! Call the church office and we'll get you set up. Once you get set up, you can check your statement at any time.

**Just a reminder** - Year end **giving statements will not be printed** unless you ask for one. Call the church office to get a printed copy, OR - ask to get your Shelby account set up and you will then be able to look up your account at any time. Please call 871-4581 if questions.

## Scripture Readings

### Feb. 7th

*Isaiah 40:21-31*  
*1 Corinthians 9:16-27*  
*Mark 1:29-39*

### Feb. 14th

*2 Kings 2:1-12*  
*2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6*  
*Mark 9:2-9*

### Feb. 21st

*Genesis 22:1-18*  
*James 1:12-18*  
*Mark 1:9-15*

### Feb. 28th

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*  
*Romans 5:1-11*  
*Mark 8:27-38*



## Lutheran Ministries

### "Worship for Shut-Ins"

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

Feb. 7th - "Preaching and Healing" - Mark 1:29-39  
Feb. 14th - "Lift the Veil!" - 2 Cor. 3:12-4:6  
Feb. 21st - "The Lord Will Provide" - Genesis 22:14  
Feb. 28th - "True Discipleship" - Mark 8:34-38

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Honor of Dwight Keinath General Fund	\$500.00
In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Marvin & Barbara Hauck General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Daniel Holzhei General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Dewey Nielsen General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Dale Peche General Fund	\$30.00
In Memory of Elmer Snover General Fund	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
School Fund	\$20.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## February 2021

*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.*

The month of February is the when we take some extra time to show those we care about how much we really love them! Let's take some extra time to show our Lord and Savior how much we **LOVE** Him!



For Chapel, February is **Hearts for Jesus** month in the Michigan District. Look for more information to be coming home very shortly.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for February.



Jan -Mar 1	RADA cutlery fundraiser
Month of Feb.	<b>Hearts for Jesus</b>
Feb. 1-28	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday service 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Fish Fry

If there is a school delay or cancellation, we will be following Millington public schools. You can find notifications on any of the major television or radio stations in the area and through the phone system of St. Paul.

### Spartan Sports

Our sports seasons for boys and girls have been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19 protocols. When things change we will let you know.

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, Our Family label collection, can tabs, ink cartridges, as well as Meijer and Kroger programs. See the school office for more information.



*Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.  
I Corinthians 10:31*

## More School News, Fish Fry

### PTL NEWS

Hello Parents & Staff,

We hope your family is safe and healthy! We want to give your child the best education possible, and our teachers need your help. Due to the pandemic and tighter budgets, we need to raise funds for the essential tools our teachers need to help our students succeed.

Go to [www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?61880](http://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?61880) to show our valued teachers your support

If you have some last minute shopping, you can do it online from the stores on the website and the school will receive a percentage of your order. Here is a list of some of the websites to shop from, but you must go through the link in order for the school to get a percentage back. Thank you.

Acer	Lane Bryant
Aeropostale	Macy's
Atkins	Melissa & Doug
AT & T	Microsoft
Autozone	Motorola
Bass Pro Shop	Net 10
Best Buy	Old Navy
Carters	Petco
Carhartt	Pet Meds
Chewy	Quickbooks
Children's Place	Rakuten
Crayola	Rite Aid
Cricut	Roku
CVS	Sally Beauty
Dell	Scholastic
Dish	Straight Talk
Disney	Stride Rite
Discount School	Tervis
Supply	Thrifty Rent A Car
Dollar General	Tracfone
Dress Barn	TSC
Family Book Store	Turbotax
Famous Footwear	Vans
Game Shop	Veggietales
GAP	Vera Bradley
GNC	Verizon
Haines	Vitamin Shop
Hertz	Walgreens
Hickory Farms	Walmart/Sams
Hobby Lobby	Warner Bros.
Home Depot	Overstock
JCPenney	Wholesale Party
Kay Jewelers	Supplies
Kitchen Aid	Wrangler
Kohl's	Travel Sites & Hotels

St. Paul Lutheran School PTL

PS: Family participation is the key to our success, and we are counting on you!

# Fish Fry



St. Paul Lutheran  
Church & School

**Sat., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**11AM-7PM**

**Drive-Thru Only**

**Menu:**

Fish (Pollock), French Fries,  
Coleslaw & Roll

**Prices:**

3 piece dinner: \$10.00

7 piece box of just fish: \$20.00

Proceeds will go towards the  
Washington D.C. trip.

**Future Fish Fry Dates:**

3/6 and 3/20

### Valley Lutheran Online Auction

The 18th Annual Valley Lutheran Benefit Auction is happening February 24-27, virtually! You can register to bid at no cost from anywhere you can access the internet. This is the largest annual event fundraiser for Valley Lutheran to support the annual needs with the largest amount going to financial aid. Consider being a sponsor or advertiser, donating an item or service, or joining the virtual auction. Items are continually updated at [www.vlhsauction.com](http://www.vlhsauction.com) or you may contact Beth Kaul at 754-5918 or the school at 790-1676.

## Lenten Theme / Survey / Misc.

### **2021 Lenten Theme:** ***"Return to the Lord"***

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplished all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect the hearers with their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.



### **Come worship with us Wednesdays at 6:30PM. All services will also be livestreamed.**

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 17th -  
"A Call to Return"  
Feb. 24th - "Return to Prayer"

March 3rd - "Return from Betrayal"  
March 10th - "Return from False Witness"  
March 17th - "Return from Denial"  
March 24th - "Return to the Kingdom of God"

### **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7PM -  
"Return to the Table"  
Good Friday, April 2nd at 1:30PM - "Return to Truth"  
Good Friday Tenebrae, April 2nd at 7PM  
Easter Sunrise April 4th at 6:30AM  
Easter Worship with Communion April 4th at 10AM

### **Church Envelope Box Survey**

Online giving has increased and we are hoping to eliminate extra boxes of envelopes that aren't being used.

Envelopes for 2022 need to be ordered in March for the best price.

**Please let us know your preference.**

**Check one or both boxes.**

I would like church envelopes.

I prefer online giving.

I currently give online.

I would like help setting up online giving.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return your survey to the church office - you can also call 871-4581 to let us know your preference, or email [church.office@spsmill.org](mailto:church.office@spsmill.org).

### **Easter Flowers**

To order an Easter Lily or Spring Plant for the altar for Easter, please sign up on the glass case in the narthex or call the church office by March 22nd. Plants are \$15.00. Checks can be made payable to Pam Hanlin.

### **Messenger Sponsors**

If you would like to sponsor a Messenger for 2021, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month.


### **Altar Flowers**

The 2021 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. Please add your name, phone number, and center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and (pending we have bulletins) letting the church office know what you would like the bulletin to say.

### **Offering Envelopes**

2021 Church Offering Envelopes are in the narthex. Please take your box and any others you may be able to deliver.

# Daily Lectionary / Special Thanks / LEAP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February Daily Lectionary</b>	<b>1</b> Zech. 11:4-17 2 Tim. 4:1-18	<b>2</b> Zech. 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6	<b>3</b> Zech. 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15	<b>4</b> Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18	<b>5</b> Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34	<b>6</b> Job 3:11-26 John 1:35-51
<b>7</b> Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12	<b>8</b> Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25	<b>9</b> Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21	<b>10</b> Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6	<b>11</b> Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26	<b>12</b> Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45	<b>13</b> Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54
<b>14</b> Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18	<b>15</b> Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29	<b>16</b> Job 12:1-6; 12-25 John 5:30-47	<b>17</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21	<b>18</b> Job 13:13-28 John 6:22-40	<b>19</b> Job 14:1-22 John 6:41-59	<b>20</b> Job 15:1-23; 30-35 John 6:60-71
<b>21</b> Job 16:1-22 John 7:1-13	<b>22</b> Job 17:1-16 John 7:14-31	<b>23</b> Job 18:1-21 John 7:32-53	<b>24</b> Gen. 8:13-9:17 Mk. 4:1-20	<b>25</b> Gen. 11:27-12:20 Mk. 4:21-41	<b>26</b> Gen. 13:1-18 Mk. 5:1-20	<b>27</b> Gen. 15:1-21 Mk. 5:21-43
<b>28</b> Gen. 16:1-9; 15-17:22 Mk. 6:1-13						

## Special Thanks!

On behalf of Social Concerns, I would like to **thank** everyone for the support, donations and prayers this year for our Giving Tree. We were able to help 5 families from our congregation. We were also able to assist the public school with 8 additional families. The remainder of the donation money will be sent to Wellspring to help families in need. We received an outpouring of appreciation from the families we helped. It is such a blessing to have been able to help people during this very hard time.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Wagner  
Social Concerns Chairman

**Thank you** to the Memorials Committee and the Trust and Investment Committee for their contributions toward the Spartan wall mural in the Activity Center.

## Lutheran Schools Marketing Campaign

The LEAP Alliance is sponsoring an "Awareness Marketing Campaign" as part of the National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration being held on January 24-30, 2021!

During the "Lifestyle Segment" on WNEM TV5, Lutheran education will be showcased with the goal being "*inspiration to explore a Lutheran school.*" The interview is led by TV5 anchorwoman Colette Stinger and features Rebecca Sugdan from Valley Lutheran High School and Michael Hiddings from St. John's, Midland. The segment was live on Monday, January 25. You can watch the recording on our LEAP website at <https://www.facebook.com/leapglb>.

In addition, several 30-second commercials will be on WNEM TV5 throughout the week during the morning news broadcasts. Again, this short video which is specific to our 20 LEAP schools will be posted on our LEAP website. It is our hope that you share it to your own Facebook page to help spread the awareness of Lutheran schools in our area!

## **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.



## February Birthdays

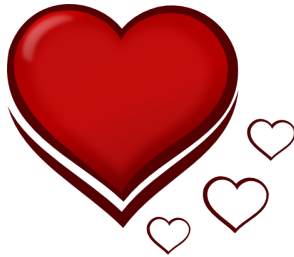


Jim Jaruzel	1	Ed White	10	Sarah Gorsuch	19
Angela Germain	1	Sharon Wyman	10	Delaney Greenan	19
Karen Law	1	Karleigh Cole	10	Sandra Haley	20
Glenn Brown	2	Tyler Devereaux	10	Joshua Matthews	20
Ed Sergent	2	Nicholas Mays	10	Betty Bouchard-Schmidt	20
Cheri Sutherland	2	Graham Sutton	10	Rachel Brown	20
Alexxis Stiers	2	Justin France	11	Holly Malace	20
Austin Wendland	2	Chase Milostan	11	Jacob Matzke	20
Andrew Webster	2	Brynnlee Morningstar	11	Pastor Tim Martinal	21
Nora Romain	3	Brian Titsworth	11	Donna Kohler	21
Martin Damm, Jr.	3	Billy Woolwine III	11	Hannah Hall	21
AshLynn Jones	3	Celeste Ketels	12	Brielle Burns	21
Bradley Dormire	4	Emma Cobanovich	12	Micah Petzold	21
Alec Robinson	4	Sebastian Jesberg	12	Garrett Reinert	21
Jennifer Rondo	5	Wilbert ILL	13	Riley Coleman	22
Joshua Burns	5	Carolyn Laplow	13	Jessica Pashby	22
Ronald Colman	5	Kyle Piar	13	Darlene Higgins	23
Renee Higgins	5	Carl Kralik	14	Cris French	23
Hayley Usrey	5	Mandy Switzer	14	Robert Williams, Sr	23
Meagan Tolbert	6	Bonnie Wiacek	14	Karen Henderson	24
Kimberly Torrey	6	Shila Keinath	14	Loretta Weber	24
Haley Kennard	6	Erik Lawrence	14	Weston Reinig	24
Brianna McPherson	6	Joann Schiefer	14	Macinzie Keinath	24
Jonathan Schuler	6	Robert Freeman	14	Diane Ackerman	25
Mathew Slough	6	Carrie Daenzer	15	Matt Denome	25
Christine Stevens	6	Sheryl French	15	Cathy Myers	26
Kiahna Sutton	6	Alex Goodhue	15	Mary Jane Shreve	26
John Brown	7	Kyle Stange	15	Brady Petzold	26
Linda Kester	7	Elinor Kroll	16	Hillary Romain	27
Violet Sabgash	7	Chad Reinert	16	Kiersten Rondo	27
Landon Germain	7	MaKaylee Schultz	16	Dawn Ayotte	28
Ryan ILL	7	Scott Bassett	17	Melissa DeOrnellas	28
Jeremy Keinath	7	Kevin Sutton	17	John Hiles	28
Erica Selich	7	Laurel Woodward	17	Craig Stiff	28
Steve Washburn	7	Shane Burrows	17	Alan June	28
Jeffrey T. Hecht	7	Kyle Brow	17	Tyler Reinert	28
Jennifer Sischo	7	Derrick List	17	Carrie Woelzlein	28
JoAnne Petzold	8	Gregory Mulka	17	Donald Lichnovsky	28
Patrick Galloway	8	Ryan Herrick	18	Sharon Kauer	29
Sarah Hergenreder	8	Jason Ketels	18		
Leo O'Hearn	8	Tyler Goodhue	18		
Jenna Smith	8	Rhonda Kern	18		
Tiffinie Webb	8	Adam Wolverton	18		
Andrea Wirsing	9	Lynette Denome	19		
Nicole Bringer	9	Dennis Weiss	19		
Braxton Withers	9	Michaela Draper	19		



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