



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### February 2022

*"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,

Love is a powerful force. My mind is filled with the various things people do because of love. Here is a sampling:

Valentine's Day obviously influences many expressions of romantic love. Think of all the people who make a special effort all "for the sake of love."

Unconditional love has motivated spouses to go beyond this emotionally charged romantic observance to make sacrifices for the sake of the other. This same kind of love is also exhibited when children come into the picture.

Love has motivated people to enter wars to defend and protect their families and neighbors.

People have searched and found a cure for a disease, because they loved someone afflicted with that disease. Others have developed helpful solutions as a result of love for life and the desire to help someone else enjoy life (ex. occupational or physical therapists).

God is the source of endless love (1 John 4:8b). He initiated this love toward us by first creating us and then by rescuing us from the distorted and selfish love we "created" (Gen. 1:31, Psalm 40:5, 1 John 4:9-10, Rom. 5:12, 15-19). Whenever we hear about a problem in our world, it is most likely traced back to a man who loved himself or a woman who loved herself more than God or anyone else.

We can thank God that a group of people were motivated by God's love to start a church. One hundred and twenty-five years ago, love motivated the founders of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The source of this love

was not from within themselves. It came from a boundless source of unconditional love that God provided. As we celebrate our anniversary this year, I hope that we will appreciate the love God showed us first in Jesus and then the love our forefathers showed us by establishing a missionary station in Podunk, MI. Because of love, we are able to hear about and receive God's love every week.

This anniversary is not just for us. Hopefully, we will be motivated by love as well. God has done so much through the people called St. Paul Lutheran Church. God intends to do even more good through you and me. Share the love of Jesus and see what the power of love can do.

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

Pastor Jim Bruner

1 John 4:10-11



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Rev. James Bruner  
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Rev. Tim Martinal  
Associate Pastor

#### **Worship Services**

Saturday 7 P.M.  
Sunday 8:30 & 11AM  
(11AM Also live-streamed)

#### **Faith on Fire**

Bible Study & Sunday School  
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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#### **In this Issue:**

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*The February Messenger is sponsored to celebrate  
Wilbert Ill's 75th birthday, from Susan.*

## Worship News / Bible Studies

### Worship Service Times

Saturday at 7PM

Sunday at 8:30 & 11AM

Bible Study & Sunday School at 9:45AM

\*Contemporary 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11AM

\*Matins 5th Weekend

\*Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 8:30AM

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11AM &

Sat. eve of that weekend

To be added to our email list for the latest announcements, please go to [www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html](http://www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html).

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

### Contact Information

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

### Scripture Readings

Feb. 6th

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Cor. 14:12b-20

Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 13th

Jer. 17:5-8

1 Cor. 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Feb. 20th

Gen. 45:3-15

1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42

Luke 6:27-38

Feb. 27th

Deut. 34:1-12

Heb. 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36



### Sunday Bible Studies

"Faith on Fire" Sunday between services.

# FAITH ON FIRE

**Preschool–Grade 2 Faith Spark** - [Childcare Room](#)

**Grades 3-5 Faith Flare** - [Projects Room](#)

**Grades 6-8 Faith Ignite** - [Computer Room](#)

**Grades 9-12 Faith Flame** - [Youth Room](#)

**Adults Faith Blaze** - [Parish Hall](#)

Adult supervised toddler care is in the nursery room for children too young to attend the early childhood program. Materials include opportunities for parents to extend the lesson into the week with their children.



**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.

### Bible Studies

**Men's Bible Study**

Sat., Feb. 5th at 8AM in the Library.



### 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

### Health & Safety Precautions

As the Board of Elders keep an eye on the health of the congregation, we ask that during this season of colds, flu, and Covid, **if you are not feeling well, please stream church from home** until you are feeling better. If you have concerns about being around others, we suggest that you sit at the front of the church where fewer people sit, and be aware the use of a mask is perfectly acceptable should you decide to wear one. Elders will be considering further measures and will be communicating them to the congregation as the need arises.

We also ask that you **do not come to the church or school offices if you have ANY cold, flu, or Covid symptoms**. Please help to keep the staff and students healthy.

**If you have tested positive for Covid**, please call the church office to let us know what service you attended. Your name will be kept anonymous, but we want to let the congregation know and prevent further illness. Thank you for being considerate to others.

# Upcoming Events / Meetings / Misc.

## Upcoming Events

### Quilting

**Quilting** Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No special skills needed and newcomers are always welcome! See you there!

### Zumba

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

### Adult Volleyball

Friday nights from 6-8PM beginning Jan. 7th. Anyone 16 and older is welcome!

### Voters Assembly Meeting

Sun., Feb. 13th at 1:30PM in the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Be in the know and be a part of the decision making at St. Paul.

### Scrapbooking

Sat., Feb. 19th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. \$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass. Call the school office to RSVP.



Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
Hosted by Millington Ministerial Alliance at  
Millington Church of God  
4855 Barnes Rd., Millington  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON ITICKETS.COM  
\$35/couple early bird or \$40 day of/at the door

### **St. Paul's Luck & Laughter** **Comedy/Magician Dinner Show and Silent Auction**

Sat., March 12<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a night of comedy, magic, and laughter!  
Tickets are \$40 per person and can be bought in the church or school office.



## Meetings

### Council

Wed., Feb. 2nd at 6:30PM in the Library

### Voters' Meeting

Sun., Feb. 13th at 1:30PM in the Church

### Stephen Ministry

Mon., Feb. 14th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

### Elders

Wed., Feb. 23rd at 7PM in the Gathering Room

## Calendar/Door Scheduling

If you need to book an event, practice, or meeting, **you need to check with the church office to be sure the date is available.**

**Please Remember** - If you need the **doors unlocked** for your event, call the church office at least a few days in advance so we can have them set for you. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!

## Health Kits

**Dorcas Lutheran Woman** in Mission Health Kits Committee needs your help please! **Health Kits** are given to the Women's Shelter in Caro, MI at least three times a year. The shelter gives each woman who enters one of these kits because they often must leave their home with nothing.

Health Kits for the Caro Women's Shelter are in need of any of the following: gallon size zip-lock bags, hand towels, emery boards, washcloths, bath-size bars of soap, toothbrushes, 5-7 oz. toothpaste, combs, band-aids, women's deodorants, shampoo, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Midol, and sanitary pads.

Please place your donations in the wooden cabinet in the white box marked "Health Kits" by Monday, February 14, 2022. "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2. Thank you in advance for serving our Lord.

## Fund Pals Raiser

Help St. Paul Lutheran Church and School raise funds for school upgrades, curriculum, and fun events!

Every pair of socks purchased earns \$5 for your school.

Text MILLINGTON to 855-202-2100 to get the link.

If questions, call the school or church office.

## Shop and Earn Money!

We are now on Amazon Smile. If you already shop on Amazon, you are just one step away to earning money for St. Paul. Just sign up at smile.amazon.com, add St. Paul as your charity, and start shopping! It's that easy! We earn a percentage on every order.



# 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 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. 31-Feb.25	Fundraising with Friends (Downs-Syndrome)
Month of Feb.	<b>Hearts for Jesus</b>
Month of Feb,	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart
Feb. 4	Spirit Day

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.

### School Musical Opportunities

Feb. 6	Joyful Noise Choir (K-3)	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 20	Free Spirit Choir (4-8)	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 27	Jubilee Bells	11:00 a.m.

**Spartan Sports** Our basketball season for the A-teams finishes this month and C-team starts. C-team games start at 10 a.m. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



#### A-team Basketball

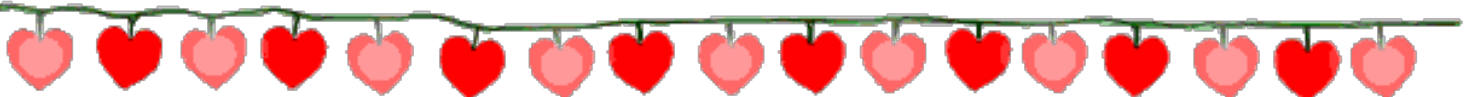
Feb. 1	at Immanuel/Trinity	5:45 p.m
Feb. 4	with Christ the King, Sebawaing	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 10 & 12	TCLL Tournaments	TBA

#### C-team Basketball

Feb. 5	at Trinity, Monitor
Feb. 12	at Holy Cross, Saginaw
Feb. 19	with Faith, Bay City
Feb. 26	with Peace, Saginaw



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*



# Daily Lectionary / Serve & Volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February Daily Lectionary</b>		1 Zech. 11:4-17 2 Tim. 4:1-18	2 Zech. 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6	3 Zech. 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15	4 Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18	5 Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34
6 Job 3:11-26 John 1:35-51	7 Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12	8 Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25	9 Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21	10 Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6	11 Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26	12 Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45
13 Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54	14 Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18	15 Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29	16 Job 12:1-6, 12-25 John 5:30-47	17 Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21	18 Job 13:13-28 John 6:22-40	19 Job 14:1-22 John 6:41-59
20 Job 15:1-23, 30-35 John 6:60-71	21 Job 16:1-22 John 7:1-13	22 Job 17:1-16 John 7:14-31	23 Job 18:1-21 John 7:32-53	24 Job 19:1-12, 21-27 John 8:1-20	25 Job 20:1-23, 29 John 8:21-38	26 Job 21:1-21 John 8:39-59
27 Job 20:16-31 John 9:1-23	28 Job 31:1-12, 33-40 John 9:24-41					

## Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

**Church Sexton trainees needed.** We are looking for a couple to help with weekend services, weddings and funerals. Our Sextons work on a rotating basis. Contact the church office if interested or if questions.

We are also looking for more help on our **Altar Guild**. There are many behind the scene jobs the Altar Guild is in charge of, so if you can help in any way, please call the church office. Needing the most help right now is set up for 8:30AM communion and linens & vestments.

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

If you wish to contribute to the **anniversary fund**, please put your donation in an envelope marked "125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" and place in the box in the narthex or bring to the church office.

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Feb. 11th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Do you know anyone in the Millington area that has **emergency needs?** The **Millington Ministerial Alliance** can provide some help. This alliance of the local churches has a fund that is used for helping in times of need. Requests for assistance can be made at the Millington Community Center on Wednesdays from 10am -12pm or they can call 871-7377, leave a message and the MMA will get back to them.

## **Support St. Paul and Bring in Your 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!



# Financial Summary / Memorials / Misc.

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Balance as of 12/31/21 in contingency fund:	\$16,601.79
Dec offerings for Building Fund sent to CEF in Jan	\$10,386.33

## December 2021 Income & Expense Summary

December General Fund Income:	\$80,339.07
December General Fund Expenses:	\$81,894.83
December surplus (deficit)	\$ (1,555.76)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$ (45,640.88)
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$119,531.53

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund December	\$173.86
VLHS door offering	\$213.41
Millington Pizza fire door offering	\$1,144.00

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Erna Reinert School Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Connie Woelke School Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Donna Schlicht General Fund	\$210.00
Donation General Fund	\$30.00

## TRUST & INVESTMENT - PERPETUAL GIVING FUND

When a member designates St. Paul Lutheran Church as a beneficiary of their estate, they can specify exactly where they would like their gift to go. Some examples might be, General Fund, Building Fund, Missions, School or the Trust and Investment Perpetual Fund. **If you do not specify in your will/estate, your gift will go to the Trust & Investment Fund** per the bylaws of the church constitution.

Members may elect to donate directly to Trust & Investment through memorials or by gifts.

**Gifts to Trust & Investment are the gifts that keeps on giving.**

Gifts are invested and the principal amount cannot be spent. The earnings will be spent on projects or equipment that are not budgeted in the General Fund (examples; special needs or unexpected events). Any recognized board of our church can apply for disbursements of such funds. Requests are reviewed by the Trust & Investment Committee to see if it meets the fund guidelines. If a request is approved by Trust and Investment Committee, the request will to the Voter's Assembly for final approval.

We currently are accepting applications for disbursement of available earnings. Applications are available online, or you can pick one up at the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2022. You can return the application in person to the church office or email to [tdglady@yahoo.com](mailto:tdglady@yahoo.com).

Richard Glady-Chairman, Sue Fabbro-Secretary, Sandy Fackler, Ed Keinath, Mike Kern-Treasurer, Gloria LaPointe, Cory Stange

## 2021 Church Offering Statements

Statements are available to download. Just login to your Shelby account. If you don't have one yet, call the church office and we'll get you set up. If you need a printed statement, call the office.

## Altar Flowers

The 2022 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.

## Messenger Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a Messenger for 2022, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month.

## Annual Reports

All boards, committees, groups, etc. - please submit your annual report by Fri., Jan. 14th. Email to [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org) or bring to the church office. The annual report is our way of recording our history through the years. If questions, call 871-4581 #3.

## Offering Envelopes

**2022 envelopes** are in the narthex. If you don't see your box, please call the church office.

## Part-time Organist

St. Paul is looking for a part-time organist one weekend per month, number of services may vary, Saturday night at 7PM and Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11AM. Practice time will be available. The pay is on a per service basis. Hymns from the Lutheran Service Book and the liturgy will utilize the various Divine Service settings, as well as created printed services. For questions please contact the church office 989-871-4581 #3 or [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org).

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



## February Birthdays



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



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# February 2022



The bad news is time flies.  
The good news is you're the pilot.