



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### February 2019

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

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

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#### Worship Services

Sunday 8:30 & 11 A.M.  
Saturday 7 P.M.

#### Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If we were asked to assign a theme for February, what would it be? Because of Valentine's Day, "Love" might be the first choice.

Love is really the theme for every day, of every month, according to God. *The Lord appeared to us in the past, [a] saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."* NIV-84 Jer. 31:3 *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* ESV Lamentations 3:22-23

God is committed to a love that is unconditional (*agape* in the Greek).

Think of how difficult it is for God to love us unconditionally every day. In your daily life, what puts God's love to the test? Just one person can be a challenge, but God shows all of us this type of love.

*"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* NIV-84 Romans 5:8 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* NIV-84 John 3:16-17

It is a phenomenal blessing to be on the receiving end of this kind of love. This is love that does the unexpected and even the unimaginable. We can receive this amazing love every day through God's Word. God wants to infuse and empower us with this love, so that we show the same kind of love to others: Spouse and Child(ren), Fellow Student or Worker, Neighbor and Stranger. *"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete*

*in us... God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him... We love because he first loved us."* NIV-84 1 John 4:12, 16b, 19

Love is what God desires for us and in us every day, not just one day or month. You are loved, so you can share His love.

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

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



### Did you know?

You are helping provide compassion and hope through your offerings. In addition to the ministry provided right here at St. Paul Lutheran, you are helping **Lutherans For Life (LFL)**. Lutherans For Life (and various other ministries like Right to Life and Students for Life) believes that every human life—from conception to natural death regardless of physical or mental challenges or condition of dependence—is precious in God's sight. LFL encourages Lutherans to be active in the fight to stand for those who are unable to speak for themselves. Check out how you can promote life by visiting their website at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

The February Messenger is sponsored in honor of Glenn Brown's 75th birthday, with love from his wife, Gale.



# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Join us for *Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place* before Bible Study begins.



**Sunday School** - Every Sunday. Invite a friend!

**Bible Study** - Led by Pastor Tim in the Library.

### Other Bible Study Opportunities

**Men's Bible Study** - Feb. 2nd at 8AM in the Library.

**Adult Confirmation Class** - Beginning Tues., Feb. 5th at 7PM in the Library. The Adult Confirmation tentative date will be Sun., March 24th in the 8:30AM service with a New Member Welcome following in the Parish Hall. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please call the church office.

## Music at St. Paul



### **Handbells**

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

We could really use some extra help! Anyone is welcome to join. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

### **Church Choir**

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the band room.

### **Praise Team**

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the church.

If you love to sing, play an instrument, or just want to praise the Lord through music, come and check out one of our groups!

## **BIG NEWS REGARDING BIBLE STUDIES**

In the month of February, announcements will be made regarding an important upcoming Bible Study. We hope you will be in attendance at this congregation changing study.

## Scripture Readings

### Feb. 3rd

Jeremiah 1:4-19  
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13  
Luke 4:31-44

### Feb. 10th

Isaiah 6:1-13  
1 Corinthians 14:12b-20  
Luke 5:1-11

### Feb. 17th

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-20  
Luke 6:17-26

### Feb. 24th

Genesis 45:3-15  
1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42  
Luke 6:27-38

## Breakfast Club

**Breakfast Club** is a great opportunity for Jr. and High School students to hear a devotion and get free breakfast **every Friday at 7AM** at the Millington High School. St. Paul is on a rotating host schedule with five other groups and we are hosting **Friday, Feb. 8th**.

## Public School Confirmation Classes

Led by Pastor Martinal Sunday evenings from 6-7PM in the Gathering Room.



## Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Feb. 3rd - "Christ Is the Real Thing!" - Luke 4:32

Feb. 10th - "A Great Fishing Story" - Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 17th - "Blessed Are You" - Luke 6:17-26

Feb. 24th - "Love, Bless, Pray" - Luke 6:27-31

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

Storyhour - 9-11AM

Quilting - 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

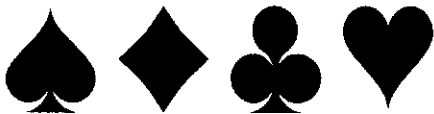
Looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoons? Come and join our **Quilting** ladies from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall beginning . No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit! Call Lori if questions at 989-205-9873.

Painting - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

AA - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## Scrapbooking

Sat., Feb. 9th from 9AM-7PM in the **Projects Room**. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Please bring a dish to pass if staying all day and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or [school.office@spsmill.org](mailto:school.office@spsmill.org).



## Euchre

Feb. 9th from 4-7PM in the Parish Hall  
Everyone (men and women) 16 and older are invited.  
Snacks provided. Come and join us for some fun!

## Voters' Meeting

Sun., Feb. 10th at 1:30PM in the Church.  
Everyone is welcome to come and find out what's happening at St. Paul.

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 14th at 6:30PM in the Chapel  
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We are gathering together on the second Thursday of each month to bring our needs and pray together. We will have a short message on the topic of "prayer" each meeting and then spend time praying for one another and the needs that are brought to us. We will also share some written prayers and learn how to pray more effectively. Come join us! All are welcome!

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

## St. Paul "Love & Laughter" Fundraiser

Sat., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-11PM

at Black Forest, Frankenmuth

Join us for dinner, a gift auction, and comedy, featuring Melissa Hager and Brent Terhune – Headlining. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple and can be purchased in the church or school office through Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Benefit Dinner for Mike Derscha

February 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm

at the Millington Community Center  
Lasagna, Vegetable, Garlic Toast, Tossed Salad,  
Dessert, Coffee, Water and Lemonade

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Dinner is a free will donation.

Call 989-871-2616 or 989-882-5031 for inquires  
or to donate a dessert or auction item.

## Youth Events

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17**

**Impact** (Grades 9-12) / **Ignite** (Grades 6-8)

### Movie Night

Sat., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM

Come and watch a movie while your parents play Euchre.  
Popcorn, Candy, & Snacks!

### Volleyball vs. the Board of Education

Sun., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM

The challenge is on!  
Everyone is invited to come and cheer the teams on!

### Impromptu Sledding

Date & time depending on snow!

### Spark (Grades 3-5)

### Giant Games

Sun., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2PM

Try out the giant Hungry, Hungry Hippos, Yahtzee,  
& Connect 4!

Bring your favorite cereal to snack on.

We'll provide the milk!

## **Time to Plan Ahead!**

### No Reason Party

Please join the Fellowship Team on Sun., March 10th for our first annual "No Reason Party!" We will meet after 2nd service for a potluck dinner (meat and drinks provided by the Fellowship Team.) Everyone bring a dish to pass. After dinner we will host a Talent Show for all members of our church and school. Come enjoy an afternoon of great fellowship and entertainment as we are entertained by all the talented people we have in our congregation and school. Any questions, please see Angie Ayotte or any member of the Fellowship Team.



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## February 2019



*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.*

Welcome to the month of February. This is the time of year that 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!

February is Hearts for Jesus month for Lutheran Schools 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.

February	NWEA Testing Month	
February	Rada Cutlery Fundraiser (Feb.1-25)	
Feb. 12-Mar. 2	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart	
Feb. 1	Spirit Day	
Feb. 15	6-8 <sup>th</sup> grade Bowling Trip	
Feb. 16	Love & Laughter Comedy Dinner/Fundraiser	
	Black Forest, Frankenmuth 6-11 p.m.	
Feb. 22	P.T.L. Literacy Night	6:00 p.m.



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



### School Musical Opportunities



Feb. 10	Cherub Choir	8:30 a.m.
	Free Spirit	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 24	Cantate Choir	11:00 a.m.

### Spartan Sports

Our C-team basketball season starts its games this month. Most of these games occur on Saturdays, but there are a few on other days as well. The girls' games start at 10 a.m. followed by the boys' games at 11 a.m.

Feb. 9	at Holy Cross, Saginaw
Feb. 16	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Feb. 23	at St. Paul, Saginaw
Feb. 27	with Trinity/Trost (Wednesday)

Check the school office or St. Paul website for additions or changes to the schedule.



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

*I Corinthians 10:31*

# Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info.

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills

Coming soon – new on-line giving program!

In early December 2018 we received notice from Church Extension Fund (CEF) that they will no longer partner with our on-line giving platform, Vanco. CEF paid all fees (monthly statements and transaction fees) which means 100% of your giving went to the church.

CEF offered an alternative program called Kindrid effective January 1, 2019. CEF will underwrite the Kindrid monthly statement costs, but the transaction fees are passed onto the church.

You will have two methods of contributions: ACH (auto-bank withdrawal) and your debit/credit card. The fees the church absorbs are as follows:

- a) ACH: .5% of the gift + .30 cents
- b) Credit/Debit cards: 2.5% of the gift + .30 cents

Example: you give an ACH \$100 gift. The fees would be 50 cents for the transaction ( $\$100 \times .005$ ) plus .30 cents = .80 cents. The deposit to the church would be \$99.20. However, your account shows the entire \$100 gift as part of your tax statement.

You can contribute weekly, monthly, yearly; any amount to the listed funds; stop/start whenever you want; make a one-time gift or set up for recurring. You are in complete control. You can access your account at any time to see your contributions.

For those that want to participate, you will simply go to the St. Paul website, access the Kindrid platform, and set up your account.

We have a small group of members testing the program now – so far so good! You will hear more about the program and how to join from our Board of Stewardship in the coming weeks.

Sneak Peak: we're in testing phase of a church management program (ChMS) to replace the archaic Shepherd's Staff. Kindrid information will load right into this program, you will have a ChMS account, and you'll have everything in one place!

## Offering Envelopes

**2019 Church Offering Envelopes** are in the narthex. Please take your box or any others that you could deliver to. Call the church office if you can't find your box.

## Church Financial Statements

End of year **tax giving statements** will be available upon request. Call the church office at 871-4581 #3 or email church.office@spmill.org and we will print one for you after the new year.

## **MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS**

In Memory of Charles Ill	
General Fund	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
In Honor of Robert Eremia	
General Fund	\$10.00
In Honor of Eunice Peche	
Memorials Undesignated	\$15.00
In Memory of Roy W. Lowell	
Memorials Undesignated	\$50.00
In Memory of Harry Kern	
General Fund	\$215.00
Building Fund	\$2675.00
School Fund	\$215.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$100.00
In Memory of Doris Gardner	
General Fund	\$870.00
School Fund	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$265.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$245.00
In Memory of Marlene Elder	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dick & Lana Glady	
Building Fund	\$100.00

## **CEF Building Fund Summary**

Mortgage Balance as of 12/31/18: \$610,999.46  
 Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022  
 Dec 2018 Mortgage Payment: \$14,135.00  
 \* Principal \$12,949.75  
 \* Interest \$ 1,185.25  
 Amount received to pay mortgage: \$14,407.90  
 Amount added to contingency fund: \$ 272.90  
 Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$12,585.65

## **December 2018 Income & Expense Summary**

December General Fund Income: \$109,080.18  
 December General Fund Expenses: \$(88,476.15)  
 December Surplus: \$20,604.03  
 FY 17/18 ending 12/31/18 surplus: \$70,877.64  
 Surplus to date: \$53,464.00

## **Cash Accounts Summary**

Designated/Memorial Balance: \$226,914.05  
 General Fund Checking Balance: \$53,464.00



## Opportunities / Special Thanks / Misc.

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

#### **Altar Guild**

We are looking for someone to work together with the **Altar Guild chairperson and share the duties**. Please call the church office for more details or questions.

#### **St. Paul Student Aid**

From time to time, situations arise in our lives causing a financial crisis. Loss of job, divorce/marital separation, and medical situations are a few of those times when we may not know how we are going to pay the bills. Some of our school families are dealing with these and similar situations and are in need of Christian compassion, assistances and encouragement. St. Paul Student Aid Fund has been set up to help families meet their financial obligation for tuition/fees. Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated and needed. If God has gifted you to be a blessing to these families, contributions may be brought to the church or school office. Much thanks!

#### **Saginaw Rescue Mission**

Our next Rescue Mission date is Feb. 9th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw. We arrive at the Mission at 10AM and finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. If you wish to help prepare sack lunches, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Feb. 8th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

#### **Health Kits**

The Dorcas ladies made up 23 health kits. Thank you for your donations! The next collection will need 10 wash cloths, 19 shampoo.

#### **Rescue Mission Donations**

The Board of Social Concerns will be gathering new or gently used clothing, shoes, and coat donations for the Flint Franklin Mission. Their greatest need is coats, boots, and men's clothes, but any items are welcome. We will be collecting items until Feb. 3rd. Please place items on the pew across from the Pastors' offices. Any questions, please contact Melissa Wagner at 989-412-3365. Thank you!

### February Meetings

#### **Social Concerns**

Tues., Feb. 5th at 5:30PM  
in the Gathering Room

#### **Youth Team**

Tues., Feb. 5th at 6PM in the Youth Room

#### **Council**

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

#### **Voters' Meeting**

Sun., Feb. 10th at 1:30PM

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., Feb. 11th & 25th at 7PM

#### **Dorcas Meeting**

Tues., Feb. 19th at 6PM

#### **Elders**

Wed., Feb. 27th at 7:30PM

### Special Thanks!

**Thank you** for all the cards, phone calls, and flowers for my birthday. They are all special to me. God bless each one of you for caring. -Lela Higgins

**Thank you** for all the prayers during my surgery and recovery. They were all a blessing and I appreciate them very much. -Gary Wagner.

**Thank you** to our St. Paul family for your support, love, and prayers over the years in the passing of our father. Also sincere thanks to our pastors, Pastor Bruner, Pastor Martinal, and Pastor Smith in the visits, prayers, and concern for dad. The Harry Kern family.

Just a big "**Thank You**" to the ladies of Dorcas for the beautiful Christmas box with all those goodies. Also, my **heartfelt thanks** to that amazing lady, Teresa Walter, for all her thoughtfulness organizing the children and some of the mothers in the Fall Clean-Up, the Birthday Sing by the little ones and Christmas Caroling! It is all so appreciated! Love and God's Blessings, Violet Hornfeld

**Many thanks** to everyone for the prayers, cards, and well wishes. They are all appreciated. - Ron Petzold

#### **FROM THAILAND WITH GOD'S LOVE**

With grateful hearts, Pastor Bob and Alice Smith wish to **thank** the members of St. Paul and others who upheld them through prayer and support during their recent trip to Thailand. In the northern city of Chiang Mai, Pastor Bob was the featured speaker at a Prayer Conference for Hmong pastors and wives. Pastor Bob and Alice will be sharing highlights from the trip on Sunday afternoon January 27<sup>th</sup>. Their short presentation FROM THAILAND WITH GOD'S LOVE begins at 4pm in the Adult Education Room at St. Lorenz School. Come to learn more about the courageous Christian brothers and sisters who live in this faraway place.

Beginning in February, Pastor Smith will become the Vacancy Pastor at the LCMS International Lutheran Church in Seoul, South Korea. The Smiths will travel to Seoul on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and return at the end of August 2019. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

### Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for 2019. The cost is \$75.00 per month. Please call the church office to pick a month.

### Altar Flowers

The 2019 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for flowers, please write your name, phone number, and if center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and also for calling the church office for your bulletin article.

# Lent & Holy Week Services / Trust & Investment / Mission Trip

## Reflecting on Lent

*(Begins on Ash Wed. - March 6th)*

The six weeks of Lent help us to examine our lives and the reason for Christmas and the greatest event ever - Christ's resurrection on Easter.

During Lent, we look at our own heart and life in relation to God and His Word. An honest evaluation will show a need for change. This change may involve repentance. We hope that during Lent, each of us will identify one thing that God wants to be changed.

If God has not led you to focus on something already, feel free to choose from the following.

1. Work toward being reconciled with someone.
2. Along with the "Bring It Home" Bible Study, read the Passion of Jesus in all four Gospels (Matt. 24-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 13-21).
3. Attend worship every Sunday and Wednesday.
4. Tithe. (If not already doing so, try just 6 weeks and see what God shows you about trusting Him to provide.)
5. Ask God to enable you to share your faith and bring a friend or neighbor to church this Holy Season.
6. Pray two minutes every morning, noon, and evening (ex. for your church, Pastors, teachers, staff, others.)

God bless your journey through this Lenten Season.

## Trust and Investment Fund

We can thank our forefathers who had the wisdom to start this perpetual fund with a few thousand dollars. Today it has grown to over \$600,000. Your estate gifts to the Trust & Investment fund is the gift that keeps on giving.

Your gift is invested and the principal amount cannot be spent. The interest and dividends will be spent on projects or equipment that would not be part of the church's general fund budget. Any recognized board of our church can apply for disbursement of such funds annually. Requests will be reviewed by the Trust & Investment committee and if approved, the requests will go to the Voter's Assembly for final approval.

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 Trust & Investment. If you do not specify in your will/estate, your gift will go to Trust & Investment per the bylaws in the church constitution.

Funds distributed in the last 10 years - \$86,837.76. In 2018 we approved \$26,790.56. Available for disbursement in 2019 \$26,476.88.

**Applications are being accepted for Trust & Investment disbursement for 2019 beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Forms are available for the board chairperson in the church office or on line.

**If spendable funds are still available after the April voters meeting the committee will review future requests as we receive them.**

## Trust and Investment Committee

## ***Come worship with us for...***

### **2019 Lenten Services**

#### **Wednesdays at 4PM**

Dates: March 6th (Ash Wed.), 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th

#### **Dinners at 5PM**

March 6th - Thai Dinner with American Accents  
Sponsored by Janette Keinath

March 13th - Menu to be decided  
Sponsored by the Bd. of Social Concerns

April 3rd - Winter Picnic  
Sponsored by the Praise Team

April 10th - Baked Spaghetti  
Sponsored by the Church Choir

Dates available to host a dinner: March 20th, 27th. Anyone (family, group, board, etc.) is welcome to plan and serve one. This can be used as a fundraiser and you can choose the menu. Call the church office to sign up.

### ***Holy Week Services***

#### **Maundy Thursday - April 18th**

7:00PM - Worship with Communion

#### **Good Friday - April 19th**

1:30PM - Worship  
7:00PM - Tenebrae

#### **Easter Celebrations -**

April 21st

6:30AM - Sunrise

8:30AM - Worship with Communion

11:00AM - Contemporary Worship with Comm.



## Missionary Trip to Thailand

Can you imagine I will be going to Thailand in just a little over ten months from now? Remember Pastor Fang Lo who spoke to us last year? He needed someone to help with his children learning English, and I thought, I can do that. *Whew*, I wouldn't have to learn a new language, maybe just a few words. To my surprise, I received some even better news from Pastor Bob Smith. Pastor Lo would like to use my musical talents in teaching his congregation and children how to sing hymns from the Lutheran Service Book printed in their language. My heart did a couple of leaps of joy, to think I could share my musical talents with the Hmong people in Thailand.

Now the hard part. As Thailand isn't next door, and the plane trip is a long one, I am planning a Thai Dinner with a *Western flair*, (less spicy) after the Ash Wednesday service on March 6, in support of this mission endeavor. In the next few weeks, the menu and further details will appear in the bulletin. I'll keep you posted.

In Christ's service, Janette Keinath

# Daily Lectionary / LEAP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2019					<u>1</u> Zech. 11:4-17 2 Tim. 4:1-18	<u>2</u> Zech. 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6
<u>3</u> Zech. 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15	<u>4</u> Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18	<u>5</u> Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34	<u>6</u> Job 3:11-26 John 1:35-51	<u>7</u> Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12	<u>8</u> Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25	<u>9</u> Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21
<u>10</u> Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6	<u>11</u> Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26	<u>12</u> Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45	<u>13</u> Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54	<u>14</u> Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18	<u>15</u> Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29	<u>16</u> Job 12:1-6; 12-25 John 5:30-47
<u>17</u> Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21	<u>18</u> Job 13:13-28 John 6:22-40	<u>19</u> Job 14:1-22 John 6:41-59	<u>20</u> Job 15:1-23; 30-35 John 6:60-71	<u>21</u> Job 16:1-22 John 7:1-13	<u>22</u> Job 17:1-16 John 7:14-31	<u>23</u> Job 18:1-21 John 7:32-53
<u>24</u> Job 19:1-12; 21-27 John 8:1-20	<u>25</u> Job 20:1-23; 29 John 8:21-38	<u>26</u> Job 21:1-21 John 8:39-59	<u>27</u> Job 20:16-31 John 9:1-23	<u>28</u> Job 31:1-12; 33-40 John 9:24-41		

## STORY from "LEAP" . . . CALENDARS OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS FEATURE "LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK" CELEBRATIONS

If you are reading these lines, you likely have association with a Lutheran congregation in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan – a congregation holding membership with the "LEAP (Lutheran Education Advancement Plan) Alliance" of 23 Lutheran churches/schools. Many of the schools offer K-8 programs, many provide early childhood programs, and one offers a high school program. Among special events presently appearing on calendars of each of these schools are a full week's worth of celebration programs, learning experiences, commemoration activities, worship features, fun doings, and more, all residing under a heading of "Lutheran Schools Week."

Our Lutheran schools are worth being featured, praised, and celebrated. Quite a few of these schools will conduct Lutheran Schools Week activities during the week of January 27 through February 2. Others will host Lutheran Schools Week events early in March. Still others have chosen other dates for Lutheran Schools Week celebrations. Regardless of the particular calendar designations, our Lutheran School constituencies have good reasons for praising and thanking their God for much that is very good about their schools. We pray for the continued blessings of our God upon the strong, distinctively Christ-centered ministries of our Lutheran Schools!

There are more stories to be told of LEAP plans and actions, some of which have been or will be featured at this "LEAP Stories" location on a month-by-month basis. We invite and encourage you to visit here again next month, and to spread the word, please. Thank you.

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## LEAP News Nugget

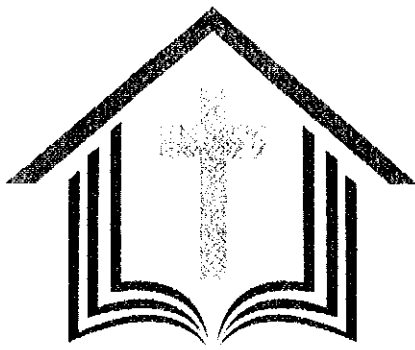
(from the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan Alliance of 23 area Lutheran churches/schools)

In 2010, representatives of area Lutheran schools began developing what was known as the "Great Lakes Bay Region Sustainable Lutheran Schools Project." Today, the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan Alliance (LEAP) continues to work on initiatives for advancing and growing the educational ministries of its 23 members. Watch each month for the next "LEAP News Nugget," giving you a glimpse at this important work.



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# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 5-6 | READINGS 13-18

February 3-16

## 13. JACOB AND ESAU—Genesis 25 & 27

WEEK 5 | February 3-9

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Who helped Jacob deceive his father, Isaac? Why?
- ◆ Have you ever held anger against someone for something they did to you? What can you do, with the Lord's help, to resolve it?

## 14. JACOB'S DREAM—Genesis 28

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What did the Lord promise to Jacob in his dream?
- ◆ In His Word, what has God promised you?

*Prayer: Dear Lord, You are a God of promises, and without fail, You have kept every one. Thank You for Your fulfilled promise of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## 15. JACOB'S FAMILY—Genesis 29-30

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Jacob waited 14 years for his love, Rachel. What is something you've waited a long time for?
- ◆ After all those years, God blessed Jacob and Rachel with a large family. How has the Lord blessed you?

*Prayer: Lord, You continually bless us in ways that are far too numerous to count. May I always be thankful to You. Help me be honest and treat everyone well, so they can see Your love in me and trust in You also. Amen.*

## 16. JACOB RETURNS HOME—Genesis 31-33

WEEK 6 | February 10-16

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why was Jacob greatly afraid to meet his brother, Esau?
- ◆ The lack of forgiveness can break relationships and cause deep hurt. Are you withholding forgiveness from someone? Ask the Lord for direction.

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, I am sorry for the times I withheld forgiveness from others. Thank You, that by Your grace, You do not withhold it from me. Amen.*

## 17. JOSEPH'S DREAMS—Genesis 37

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Joseph's brothers have come to hate him. What various things have caused this anger?
- ◆ Anger, by itself, is not sinful. It becomes sinful when we act on it—whether with thoughts, word, or actions. What can we do to not let anger become sinful?

*Prayer: Gracious Lord, You tell us You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Help me be slow to anger too. Amen.*

## 18. JOSEPH IN EGYPT—Genesis 39-41

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ A lot of bad things happened to Joseph. How do you know God was with Joseph, even during these bad times?
- ◆ Joshua 1:9 says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." What comfort does this bring to you?

*Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for helping Joseph all through those hard years. When I face tough times, remind me of Your love and faithfulness. Amen.*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 7-8 | READINGS 19-24

February 17-March 2

## 19. JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS—Genesis 42-45

WEEK 7 | February 17-23

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ How hard is it to love someone who has done something bad to you?
- ◆ Romans 8:28 says, "in all things God works for the good of those who love him". How did God work through Joseph's life?

## 20. BIRTH OF MOSES—Exodus 1:1-2:10

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ The king of Egypt mistreated the growing people of Israel. Describe how it feels to be bullied.
- ◆ Are there people you know who are experiencing hardships? How may God use you to help "bless" their lives?

*Prayer: Father, Your hand is always upon us, even when things seem the darkest. Thank You for protecting Moses. Thank You for protecting Jesus when He was a child and another king tried to kill Him. Remind me You will always protect me too. Amen.*

## 21. GOD CALLS MOSES—Exodus 2:11-4:17

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Through the burning bush, God calls Moses for a super special job of rescuing the people of Israel. What name is Moses to call God by?
- ◆ What are some other names we call God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) today?

*Prayer: Lord God, You sent Moses to lead Your people out of slavery in Egypt. Thank You for also sending Your Son, Jesus, to lead us out slavery to sin and death. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 22. MOSES AND THE PLAGUES—Exodus 7-11

WEEK 8 | February 24-March 2

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Which of the 9 plagues you've read about is the grossest? Most annoying? Worst?
- ◆ Pharaoh thought he was right, but wasn't. Talk about a time you really thought you were right, but later found out you were wrong.

*Prayer: Lord God, You are patient and kind, but also firm and strong. Teach me not be stubborn like Pharaoh, but to listen and believe everything You tell me. Amen.*

## 23. THE PASSOVER—Exodus 12

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why did God call this event "the Passover"? Why do you think God wanted it remembered and taught?
- ◆ What New Testament event does "the Passover" event resemble? (Think about Jesus on Holy Thursday & Good Friday)

*Prayer: Lord, by Your great power and might You rescued the people of Israel from their bondage. Thank You for Jesus, who has released us from the bondage of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Amen.*

## 24. CROSSING THE RED SEA—Exodus 14

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What did Moses tell the people when they got afraid of Pharaoh's army coming after them?
- ◆ How do you think the Lord fights for you today?

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, You protected Your people with Your mighty hand. Protect and defend us in the same way. Keep us strong in our trust in You, especially during times of trouble. Amen.*

# February 2019

St. Paul Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8AM Men's Bible Study <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>3</b> Superbowl Subs available after services. <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> 6-7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>4</b> 7PM Handbells	<b>5</b> 7AM Jubilee 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM -Painting -Youth Team 7:30PM AA	<b>6</b> 6:30PM Council 6:53PM Choir	<b>7</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>8</b> 7AM St. Paul Hosts Breakfast Club at MHS 1:30PM Pack Lunches for Rescue Mission	<b>9</b> 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking in Projects Room 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission 4-7PM -Euchre -Impact/Ignite Movie <b>7PM Worship+C</b>
<b>10</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship+C</b> 12:30-2PM Spark 1:30PM Voters' 6-7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>11</b> 6-8PM Resilience Movie, Discussion, Dinner 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>12</b> 7AM Jubilee 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM -Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>13</b> 6:53PM Choir	<b>14</b> 6:15PM Praise Team 6:30PM Prayer Committee	<b>15</b> <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	<b>16</b> 6-11PM "Love & Laughter" at Black Forest, Frankemuth <b>7PM Worship</b>
<b>17</b> <b>8:30AM Worship+C</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> <b>Contemporary</b> 2-4PM Impact / Ignite Volleyball vs. Bd. of Ed. 6-7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>18</b> 7PM Handbells	<b>19</b> 7AM Jubilee 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM -Painting -Dorcas 7:30PM AA	<b>20</b> 6:53PM Choir	<b>21</b> 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>22</b> 6-8PM PTL Literacy Night	<b>23</b> <b>7PM Worship+C</b>
<b>24</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship+C</b> <b>Contemporary</b> 6-7PM Public School Confirmation	<b>25</b> 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministry	<b>26</b> 7AM Jubilee 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>27</b> 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	<b>28</b> 6:15PM Praise Team		

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

## February

<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>23/24</b>
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein
8:30AM	Hoads	Ryan Keinath	Hoads	Ryan Keinath
11AM	Luke Petzold	Peyton Schmandt	Tyler Rude	Rodammers
<b>Screen Tech</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>23/24</b>
7PM	Weston Reinig	Lydia Bruner	Kailee Fackler	Mason Lugg
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers	<b>**Available**</b>	<b>**Available**</b>
11AM	Carly Trinklein	Hunter Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>4th Sunday</b>
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent
8:30 AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine

### Ushers

#### **8:30AM Service**

Captain – Phil Gordon  
 Dave Ackerman  
 Tony Kohler  
 James Kribs  
 James Petzold  
 Larry Petzold  
 Peter Shollack  
 Andrew Weber

### Ushers

#### **11AM Service**

Captain – Dick Gross  
 Assistant – Arnold  
 Petzold  
 Aidan Bach  
 Kenton Gleason  
 Tom Keinath  
 Gloria LaPointe  
 Phil Petzold

### Ushers

#### **7:30PM Service**

Captain – Brian Glady  
 Mason Lugg  
 Dale Peche

### Church Sextons

Matt & Angie Ayotte  
 Armand & Faye Carmona  
 Ed & Marcia Keinath  
 Ted & Katrina Wager  
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

*“Volunteers do not necessarily  
 have the time;  
 they just have the heart.”*



# Birthday Celebrations

Angela Germain	2/1	Cory Hunt	2/12	Riley Coleman	2/22
LuRene ILL	2/1	Sebastian Jesberg	2/12	Jessica Pashby	2/22
James Jaruzel	2/1	Celeste Ketels	2/12	Rachel Taylor	2/22
Karen Jaruzel	2/1	Jason Lichnovsky	2/12	Cris French	2/23
Glenn Brown	2/2	Andrew Cobb	2/13	Darlene Higgins	2/23
Patrick Grzebinski	2/2	Lindsay Corradi	2/13	Robert Williams	2/23
Edward Sergent	2/2	Michelle Erdman	2/13	Jason Badgley	2/24
Alexxis Stiers	2/2	Wilbert ILL	2/13	Briar Bearss	2/24
Cheri Sutherland	2/2	Carolyn Laplow	2/13	Bryce Bearss	2/24
Andrew Webster	2/2	Kyle Piar	2/13	Kaylee Erickson	2/24
Austin Wendland	2/2	Danielle Baker	2/14	Teresa Erickson	2/24
Martin Damm Jr.	2/3	Shila Keinath	2/14	Karen Henderson	2/24
AshLynn Jones	2/3	Carl Kralik	2/14	Cheryl Heuchert	2/24
Nora Romain	2/3	Richard Laplow	2/14	Macinzie Keinath	2/24
Jan Schmidt	2/3	Erik Lawrence	2/14	Marjorie Keinath	2/24
Cole Sergent	2/3	Joann Schiefer	2/14	Weston Reinig	2/24
Bradley Dormire	2/4	Mandy Switzer	2/14	Loretta Weber	2/24
Hunter Jones	2/4	Bonnie Wiacek	2/14	Diane Ackerman	2/25
Alec Robinson	2/4	Carrie Daenzer	2/15	Cody Conrad	2/25
Joshua Burns	2/5	Sheryl French	2/15	Donald Denome	2/25
Ronald Colman	2/5	Alex Goodhue	2/15	Cathy Myers	2/26
Renee Higgins	2/5	Pamela Maas	2/15	Brady Petzold	2/26
Kaycee Kowitz	2/5	Elmer Snover	2/15	Mary Jane Shreve	2/26
Jennifer Rondo	2/5	Kyle Stange	2/15	Joshua Mason	2/27
Hayley Usrey	2/5	Kyle Fisher	2/16	Hillary Romain	2/27
Haley Kennard	2/6	Elinor Kroll	2/16	Kiersten Rondo	2/27
Troy Lich	2/6	Brad Leach	2/16	Dawn Ayotte	2/28
Brianna McPherson	2/6	Chad Reinert	2/16	Austin Burns	2/28
Jonathan Schuler	2/6	MaKaylee Schultz	2/16	Melissa DeOrnellas	2/28
Mathew Slough	2/6	Tina Timmons	2/16	John Hiles	2/28
Christine Stevens	2/6	Lucas Ames	2/17	Alan June	2/28
Kiahna Sutton	2/6	Scott Bassett	2/17	Donald Lichnovsky	2/28
Meagan Tolbert	2/6	Kyle Brow	2/17	Tyler Reinert	2/28
Kimberly Torrey	2/6	Shane Burrows	2/17	Craig Stiff	2/28
John Brown	2/7	Jason Duranseau	2/17	Carrie Woelzlein	2/28
Landon Germain	2/7	Derrick List	2/17	John Borcharding	2/29
Jeffrey Hecht	2/7	Gregory Mulka	2/17	Sharon Kauer	2/29
Ryan ILL	2/7	Kevin Sutton	2/17		
Jeremy Keinath	2/7	Laurel Woodward	2/17		
Linda Kester	2/7	Tyler Goodhue	2/18		
Violet Sabgash	2/7	Ryan Herrick	2/18		
Erica Selich	2/7	Rhonda Kern	2/18		
Steve Washburn	2/7	Jason Ketels	2/18		
Patrick Galloway	2/8	Madison Maize	2/18		
Sarah Hergenreder	2/8	Patrick Michael	2/18		
Leo O'Hearn	2/8	Arthur Mullin	2/18		
JoAnne Petzold	2/8	Kathryn Pederson	2/18		
Jenna Smith	2/8	Adam Wolverton	2/18		
Tiffinie Webb	2/8	Rebecca Bodeis	2/19		
Roger Bearss II	2/9	Lynette Denome	2/19		
Nicole Bringer	2/9	Michaela Draper	2/19		
Andrea Wirsing	2/9	Sarah Gorsuch	2/19		
Braxton Withers	2/9	Dennis Weiss	2/19		
Karleigh Cole	2/10	Betty Bouchard-Schmidt	2/20		
Thomas Devereaux	2/10	Rachel Brown	2/20		
Nicholas Mays	2/10	Sandra Haley	2/20		
Graham Sutton	2/10	Holly Malace	2/20		
Edwin White	2/10	Adorna Mallard	2/20		
Sharon Wyman	2/10	Joshua Matthews	2/20		
Justin France	2/11	Jacob Matzke	2/20		
Kevin Mason	2/11	Kenneth Sohn	2/20		
Chase Milostan	2/11	Brielle Burns	2/21		
Brynnlee Morningstar	2/11	Hannah Hall	2/21		
Roger Shoens	2/11	Donna Kohler	2/21		
Brian Titsworth	2/11	Shawn Lich	2/21		
Jennifer Wood	2/11	Timothy Martinal	2/21		
Billy Woolwine III	2/11	Micah Petzold	2/21		
Emma Cobanovich	2/12	Garrett Reinert	2/21		

Birthdays are  
good for you.

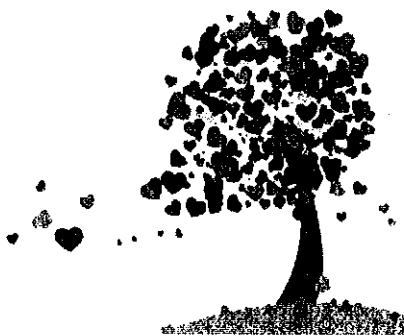
The more you have,  
the longer you live!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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# Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School  
February 2019

*A new command I give you:*

***Love one another.***

*As I have loved you,  
so you must love one another.*

*John 13:34*