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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

January 2013

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli

A Message from Pastor Abatelli

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus was still in diapers when Mary and Joseph brought Him to the Temple in Jerusalem, to present Him before God. They went to offer a sacrifice that God requires in the Law. Simeon was there in the temple and it seemed he spent a lot of time there. If one looked at Simeon he would see that Simeon was a devout man and righteous, not because of anything he did but what He knew God was going to do. The Holy Spirit did reveal to him that he would not die until he saw Christ. He was not driven by guilt and always seemed filled with joy and anticipation, waiting to meet God personally in the crowds.

It seems our own expectations or feelings at times are directly opposite of Simeon's. We sometimes do not want to encounter God in the crowds because that would make us face the secrets we don't want anyone else to know. We are not always ready for that.

What was Simeon's secret? What could make someone so excited about God despite sin? Simeon managed to be holy without mustiness or pretension. Sure he was old and frail but his ancient bones seemed to vibrate with life. His weathered features somehow struck as a temporary restriction on a soul of boundless energy and joy. His faithfulness to God and his eagerness over God's plans for us sinners, make us wonder, how we can be like Simeon. He has a reason to be here.

Then one day Simeon spotted Him. A couple with a Baby and a sacrifice offering, made their way through the temple. The crowds did not notice anything special about that young family or Baby, but Simeon seemed to know them.

Mary and Joseph, I believe, were surprised that this old man came running up to them excited. His face glowed as he stood before them, looking at this Babe. This couple was even more surprised that Simeon, a stranger, took the Baby from their arms. Any parent would be. Yet, surprisingly, the parents let Simeon take Him, as if they knew Jesus would be safe in his arms. Simeon began to praise God shouting:

*The January Messenger
is sponsored in memory of
Arnold Higgin's 90th birthday
(Jan. 14th) given by Lela
Higgins, Darlene Higgins and
Diane & Les Maxson.*

"Sovereign Lord, as You have promised,
You now dismiss Your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to Your people Israel."
(NIV 1984)

I picture the Baby playing with Simeon's beard, as if Jesus were thanking Him for what He said. Mary and Joseph were surprised about such great words to speak about their Child that He was God's salvation. Simeon waited a lifetime for this moment and it had arrived. A Savior was here.

Having made his triumphant declaration, Simeon seemed spent. He blessed them and silently gazed into the face of that Child in his arms before tenderly placing the precious baby back into His mother's care. Then Simeon looked at Jesus' mother and said words that struck the soul:

Here is what this Child is appointed for: Many in Israel will fall and rise again because of Him and He'll be a sign that many will talk against, to show what they are thinking in their hearts. And a sword will pierce your own soul, too (AAT).

What is Simeon saying? This Child, Christ is a stumbling block for those who disbelieve, but to those who believe in what He did on the cross, Christ will rise up. People will speak against Him because they do not want what He gives, forgiveness, but what is in their own sinful hearts. Mary will experience great anguish because of what this Child is to do when He grows up. He will die on a cross and rise to life again to give forgiveness, salvation, life and with that, joy. What joy this Messiah gives that changes our lives.

The words of Simeon pierce us too, and it is unavoidable. Do we just let what Joy Christ gives go by and do nothing? We have to respond to what has been revealed to us in this Child like Simeon did, for that Child and what that Child did is the hope that gave Simeon joy and life.

In Christ, *Pastor Abatelli*

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SNOWFLAKES

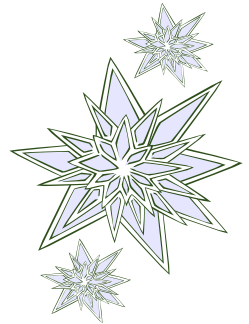
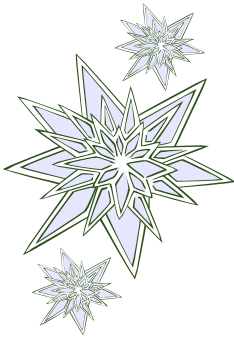
*Sometime if this winter you go
Abroad to see the falling snow-
You will find to your surprise
That a trillion flakes will greet your eyes.*

*Swirling, dancing in the day,
Who could make them quite this way?
Each one new, six sides on all,
Each reflects light as they fall.*

*No two ever found alike
With lace and rays and sculptured spike.
Here one moment, then they melt,
But what a silent scene is felt!*

*Discern in those dear tiny flakes
The face of God who nature makes
To please His children and show His love
To all the world from heaven above.*

Christine Fitzgerald



Calendar of Events

Storyhour

Storyhour for preschool children on Tuesday OR Wednesday mornings from 9-11AM in the Youth Room. We will not meet when there is no school, such as holidays or snow days. Call Lori Osborn if questions 989-205-9873.

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall

Zumba

Tuesdays at 6:15PM beginning Jan. 8th and Saturdays at 8AM beginning Jan. 5th in the Activity Center. A devotion and prayer are shared to help us exercise both body and soul. We are asking everyone to give \$2.00 for each class attended, or you can save \$4.00 by paying \$20.00 for a winter session pass for 12 classes on Tuesdays or Saturdays. You can miss 2 classes and still pay less than if you pay \$2.00 each week.

AA Meetings

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

Heroes

Will resume Feb. 5th at 7:30PM.

New Year's Eve Lock-In

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

Offices Closed

The offices will be closed for the holiday
Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st.



Epiphany
Sun., Jan. 6th

UPCOMING SCRAPBOOK EVENT

Saturday, January 12th

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

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

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

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

PLEASE R.S.V.P. – in the school office,
or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or at
jenco33@yahoo.com

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

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Friday, January 18th

St. Paul Annual Fish Fry
Sun., Jan. 27th from 11AM-2:30PM

All-you-care-to-eat Menu:
Fried & Baked Fish, French Fries,
Homemade Macaroni & Cheese,
Hot Vegetables, Cold Salads,
Rolls, and Dessert

Prices:

Adults: \$10.00; Ages 5-12: \$5.00

4 & Under: Free

Take Out Available



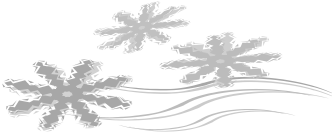
Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday

Wed., Feb. 13th

Worship Services at 4 & 7PM

Soup Supper 5-6:30PM



January Schedule



Acolytes

January			
5	7:30PM		Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
6	8:30AM		Katherine Weber & Duane
6	11AM		Corey Daenzer & Tim
12	7:30PM		Mason Lugg
13	8:30AM		Sydney & Dustin Bishop
13	11AM		Lillie Flach
19	7:30PM		Ericka White & Brian
20	8:30AM		Tyler Bentley & Brian
20	11AM		Jakob & Lukas Selich
26	7:30PM		
27	8:30AM		Maylynne Wager & Ted
27	11AM		Shane & Owen Reinig

Greeters

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

Ushers

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

Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte Ted & Katrina Wager
 Ron & Ruth Mieske Rod & Nancy Wilson
 Ed & Marcia Keinath

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



January Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



David Daniel	1/1	Cheyenne St. Onge	1/11	Joy Cassidy	1/20	Kyrian Thomason	1/29
Charles Haley	1/1	Benjamin Wittum	1/11	Richard Glady	1/20	Michael White	1/29
Mark Reinertson	1/1	Shelley Coon	1/12	Carol Hagan	1/20	Lynn Borcharding	1/30
Marie Saeger	1/1	Philip Erickson	1/12	Thomas Meeks	1/20	Ricky Horning	1/30
Kirsten Skouson	1/1	Richard Gross	1/12	Heather O'Hearn	1/20	Ellen Reinertson	1/30
Adrian Bishop	1/2	Shelly Holmes	1/12	Dana Schember	1/20	Chelsea Torrey	1/30
Tyler Hibbard	1/2	Roger Keinath	1/12	Kaylie Snyder	1/20	Judith Warner	1/30
Mark Raymond	1/2	Zachary Mills	1/12	Anthony Wagner	1/20	Julie Weiss	1/30
Kaiden Rueckert	1/2	Haley Radisovich	1/12	Heidi Woolwine	1/20	Michael Ziegler	1/30
Dawn Rueger	1/2	Wyatt Reinert	1/12	Abigail Brown	1/21	Gary Balcom	1/31
Joshua Schuler	1/2	Lana Schultz	1/12	Daniel DeOrnellas	1/21	Emily Petzold	1/31
Cathy Beagle	1/3	Russell Sherman	1/12	Shannon Huber	1/21	Sheryl Schiefer	1/31
Tyler Bentley	1/3	Shannon Wyman	1/12	Diane Maxson	1/21	Keven Washburn	1/31
Cathleen Bloor	1/3	Timothy Daenzer	1/13	Christopher Smith	1/21		
Evelyn Gregory	1/3	Todd List	1/13	Christopher Washburn	1/21		
Carol Kammer	1/3	Toni Morel	1/13	Nicholas Gunter	1/22		
Gailan Kester	1/3	Anthony Folino	1/14	Paul Hunt	1/22		
Debra Nitz	1/3	Jillian Muehlenbeck	1/14	Philip Morrow	1/22		
Marlene Stratton	1/3	Kevin Whaley	1/14	Luke Petzold	1/22		
Shelly Cobb	1/4	Martha Eberlein	1/15	Keith Brown II	1/23		
Lela Higgins	1/4	Gerald Keinath	1/15	Nicholas Corrigan	1/23		
Alexander Keinath	1/4	Steven Kennard	1/15	Michael Derscha	1/23		
Janice Schiefer	1/4	Gabrielle Sergent	1/15	Kenneth Gorsuch	1/23		
James Wood	1/4	Grace Brown	1/16	Cory Hunt	1/23		
Keith Frasier	1/5	Alan Draper	1/16	Kyle Koch	1/23		
Dwayne Rose	1/5	David Engelhart	1/16	Leah Rader	1/23		
Carol Schwab	1/5	Robert McClenathen	1/16	Jodie Reed	1/23		
Andrew Selich	1/5	Kenneth Reinert	1/16	Aaron Schiefer	1/23		
Elizabeth Coleman	1/6	Nicole Smith	1/16	RaeAnn Henderson	1/24		
Cody Mason	1/6	LeeAnn Wagner	1/16	Boyden McClenathen	1/24		
Willard Petzold	1/6	Dustin Bishop	1/17	Kandace Milostan	1/24		
Linda Rohde	1/6	Samantha Bishop	1/17	Adam Schmidt	1/24		
Michael Sherman	1/6	Sydney Bishop	1/17	Aaron Staple	1/24		
Eugene Ziegler	1/6	Nicholas Cassidy	1/17	Christine Damon	1/25		
Kenneth Cunningham	1/7	Bill Garrett	1/17	Courtney Derscha	1/25		
William Earl	1/7	Seth Keinath	1/17	Amber Inman	1/25		
Kathleen Hergenreder	1/7	Constance Daenzer	1/18	Loraine H. Petzold	1/25		
Leta Brown	1/8	Evan Damm	1/18	Ron Petzold	1/25		
Blake Erlenbeck	1/8	Jason Damm	1/18	Donna Stange	1/25		
Lonnie Kester	1/8	Terri Keinath	1/18	Fred Trinklein	1/25		
Tina White	1/8	Andrew Maschke	1/18	George Whittaker	1/25		
Lisa Aulbert	1/9	Nancy Petzold	1/18	Ashley Wisenbach	1/25		
Phillip Gordon	1/9	Michael Schiefer	1/18	James Brueggemann Sr.	1/26		
Brenda Keinath	1/9	Jeanette Smith	1/18	Wilfred Schultz	1/26		
John Kowitz	1/9	Don Stange	1/18	Joshua White	1/26		
Bethany Reinert	1/9	Richard Harpst	1/19	David Kern	1/27		
Penny Schoenknecht	1/9	Addyson Licavoli	1/19	Paul Petzold	1/27		
Mark Wyman	1/9	Susan Lyons	1/19	Brynnlee Watts	1/27		
Jerrit Baker	1/10	Ciara Mason	1/19	Lon Coleman	1/28		
Sarah Burns	1/10	Gailan Reinert	1/19	Karen Dumler	1/28		
Donna Mulka	1/10	Theodore Wager	1/19	Martin Snover	1/28		
William Rosebush	1/10	Ronald White	1/19	Dustin Griesing	1/29		
Lukas Selich	1/10	Gary Woelzlein	1/19	Brittany Hunt	1/29		
Kody Steepe	1/10	Connie Balcom	1/20	Joel Petzold	1/29		
Marcus H. Jensen Jr.	1/11	Montgomery Carlyon	1/20	Stacie Ramsey	1/29		

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



Spiritual News

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for 9th-12th graders at Millington High School every Friday at 7AM in the cafeteria. Students have breakfast and a devotion before starting school. St. Paul hosts Breakfast Club on Fri., Jan. 11th.

Donations needed: Eggs, Shredded Cheese, Sausage, Tortilla Shells, Salsa, Chocolate Milk, Orange Juice, Apple Juice or Monetary Donations. If you can help in any way please call Laura Gleim 871-4581.

Meetings

Council Wed., Jan. 2nd at 7PM

Stephen Ministry Mondays at 7PM

Dorcas Wed., Jan. 9th at 2:30PM Planning Committee

Evangelism Tues., Jan. 15th at 6:30PM

Trustees Sun., Jan. 20th at 7PM

Christian Care Sun., Jan. 27th 9:30AM

Elders Wed., Jan. 23rd at 7:30 PM

New Member Welcome

Everyone is invited to meet our newest members and confirmands Sun., Jan. 6th at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall.

Servant Celebration

Sun., Jan. 6th at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall.

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of our faithful servants Elmer Snover, Rodger & Judy Grulke, and Nancy Wilson. We have been blessed by all of your hard work and you will be truly missed.

Adult Confirmation

Sun., Jan. 6th in the 11AM service.

Musical Opportunities

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM

Worship Band

Mondays at 6PM



Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM

Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM

January Scripture Readings

January 6th

Jeremiah 33:1-16

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

January 13

Malachi 3:1-7b

Philippians 1:2-11

Luke 3:1-20

January 20

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-35

January 27

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-56

Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbel Township, bestowed a positive influence on his family to pursue their dreams by committing to and reinforcing the importance of a college education. While Don did not pursue this himself, he and his wife, Barbara, raised their children to believe that with a college education they would be able to do whatever they wanted to do in life.

Through the positive reinforcement received and the financial support of Don and Barbara, all four of their children, who attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, pursued and received their college degrees. Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family, for future St. Paul graduates who pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary. Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the Church Office.

Prayer Requests

Your **prayer requests** and needs are important to you and us. During the week, you can call the office to share your request. If you have a need over the weekend, the most efficient method will be to speak to the Sexton or Elder on duty before the worship service. He will relay the information to the pastor(s). In an emergency Pastor Bruner's cell phone is (989-233-1994).

Bible Studies

9:45AM Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

- ✠ **Background of the Bible – Learning About the Gift of Prayer** - Led by Pastor Bruner in the Parish Hall.
- ✠ **Lutheranism 101** – Led by Ed White in the Library.
- ✠ **High School Bible Study** – Led by Laura Gleim in the Youth Room.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

We have an **open invitation to any and all men** (teens through non-teens) to attend a casual **Bible Study** hosted by David Kaiser on the first Saturday of every month. I challenge you to dedicate one and one half hours of your time to your Lord and Savior every month other than on Sunday morning. We will be following the **Heroes of the Faith** Bible Study, focusing on the topic "Intrepid". The Bible Study will begin at 7:30 AM. Coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served.

Our next meeting date will be Sat., Jan. 5, 2013 and our "Hero" will be Samson.

Homework: Please read Judges, chapters 13-16.

Mark your calendars:

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| February 2, 2013 | Heroes: Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego
Homework: Daniel, Chap. 3 |
| March 2, 2013 | Hero: Daniel
Homework: Daniel, Chap. 1, 2, 6 |

Treasure Principle

As you begin to think about a New Year's Resolution, maybe you are thinking about attending a Bible Study or perhaps getting finances in order. St. Paul Lutheran Church would like to help you. A new set of Bible Studies will be offered for the winter semester at St. Paul. We will be offering a two-day financial seminar on cheerful giving called the Treasure Principle. The format of the class includes viewing a DVD and then small group discussion to follow each clip.

This will be taking place on **Fri., Jan. 11th and Sat., Jan. 12th, 2013**. The Friday night session will run from 6-9PM while the Saturday afternoon session will run from 2-5PM. Each session will be approximately three hours and lunch or dinner will be provided at no cost. Sign up by Dec. 31st on the glass case in the narthex or call David Kaiser 823-3111. There is a small fee of \$10 per individual or couple to cover the cost of materials.

"October Baby"

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

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

To coincide with Life Sunday, St. Paul Lutheran will be showing *October Baby* on Sun., Jan. 20th, at 2 PM. The movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic material and lasts for about two hours.

Beginning Jan. 27th – 4 week Bible Study

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

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

Adult Instruction Classes

Ever wonder who the real Jesus is? What Christianity is really about? Are there questions about Christianity you wish a Christian would just answer?

Beginning Sun., Feb. 3rd you are invited to the classes called "Myth or Faith." We invite you to come and learn and have your questions answered about Christ. This class is for anyone interested in exploring the truth about who we are here as Christians and anyone who wants to have those tough questions answered. Classes will be held between services at 9:45AM in the Projects Room.

After completing the classes, if you have the desire to become a part of our church family, you can become a member of St. Paul. If you are interested in these "Myth or Faith" classes, please call our church office at 989-871-4581 ext. 3 so we can prepare materials at no cost for you. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Memorials / Miscellaneous

JANUARY 2013 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF Wallace Petzold	
General Fund	\$140.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
To be designated by Memorial Committee	\$ 45.00
St. Paul Lutheran School	\$ 20.00
Choir Fund	\$ 50.00
Praise Team	\$140.00
IN HONOR OF the marriage of Dwight and Lorie Keinath	
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$205.00
IN HONOR OF Kim and Julie Weiss	
General Fund	\$ 25.00
IN MEMORY OF Sonja Bearss	
St. Paul Lutheran School	\$ 5.00
IN MEMORY OF Wallace Petzold on the occasion of his 83 rd birthday	
Praise Team	\$ 20.00
Gift to General Fund	\$ 25.00

Serve the Lord by Serving Others

The snow will soon be here and we are in need of volunteers to help with the snow plowing of the church and school parking lots. This would need to be done prior to school on weekdays and Sundays before church. If you would like to help and serve the Lord's house, please contact Dwight Keinath in the afternoon at 871-3739.

Messenger Sponsors

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

Flower Chart

Alter flowers are needed. Please check the **2013 Flower Chart**, hanging in the church hallway between the mailboxes, for available dates. When signing up for altar flowers, please add your name, phone number and if you would like center or side vases. Thank you.

2013 Lutheran Annuals

Available for \$22.99. If you would like to order one, please call the church office by Wed., Jan. 2nd.

A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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Zehnder's Coupons

Coupons valid the month of January are available in the church and school office.

Kroger Rewards

Thank you to everyone who signed up their Kroger Rewards for St. Paul. You earned \$473.59 for our school!



Hard at work putting the Christmas lights on the church.

Giving Tree

Every year I always seem to get very stressed while working on the Giving Tree. I worry about filling all of the stars and then another family in need calls. How can I turn them away? So, I pray as I keep hanging those stars on the tree, but that devil keeps leading me down that doubting path. How on earth could all of these stars be filled? Where will the money come from? Will more people take stars? This year, God decided to stop my worrying and hit me on the head and said, "See, I told you that I would take care of everything!"

December 10th, I walked into the narthex to find my Giving Tree completely bare! Not one star remained on the tree. At first I was elated and then that little devil started taking over. Maybe it was a prank, did kids take them? I have never had that happen before, what should I do? Could someone be that generous? Later that day, I discovered that a couple generously took all of the stars and filled them. They had been blessed and wanted to bless others. I actually had to call Tim & Connie Daenzer and tell them they were laid off this year from doing my shopping! The next day a young woman called to say she was dropping off a check. Expecting a small check, (which is still nice and very needed), I carried around the envelope half of the day and didn't open it. When I finally decided to open it, I almost dropped to my knees in praise and thanksgiving and a little shock! I had to look at it a couple of times to make sure I was seeing it correctly and there was God again saying, "See, I have you covered." The next night at soup suppers, I received another large check and throughout the month the donations kept coming in. It is amazing how God uses His people to keep reminding us of trust.

I enjoy doing the Giving Tree, I NEED to do the Giving Tree, it helps bolster my faith. At a very busy time of year, I need this to remind me of how great our Lord and Savior and His people are and I thank God for each and every one of you.

Whether you gave a large donation, a small donation, cookies, grocery bags, socks or offered up prayers, I thank you. All gifts gathered will help to make CHRISTmas a little brighter for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We helped 22 families, which included 73 individuals. Each family not only receives gifts, but a family basket with household supplies, along with a gas card and a grocery card. This year we also provided some food items and, of course, a tin of homemade CHRISTmas cookies! For LCFS we delivered 19 new coats, several nice used coats, 25 sets of sheets, 18 boxes of candy, 161 pair of socks, 142 pair of underwear, 9 t-shirts, 31 blankets & quilts, 1575 diapers, 2 boxes of wipes, 51 bath towels, 19 hand towels, 36 wash cloths, 79 dish towels, 70 dish cloths, 44 DVD's, and 46 games. These were all delivered by Carolyn and Willard Petzold. It was a tight squeeze in their van after we loaded everything, but thankfully we didn't have to strap one of them on the roof!

St Paul members, I thank you and I am very proud of you and your giving spirit. May God richly bless you in the coming year. Humbly, Betty Deornellas

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God....And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:11,12,14&15

We often report the struggling state of our deficit. November was an example of what we can do to allow God to work through our gifts. Our **general fund giving** for the **month of November** was approximately \$15,000 more than our expenses. If we continue to allow God to use our gifts at this rate, our over \$110,000 debt would be gone, and we would be serving Him out of gifts we have on hand. Please prayerfully consider this when we examine what gifts we give.



Carryover Deficit 10/31/12	(132,500.27)	Revised difference of +467.77	
November General Fund Income		109,677.87	
General Fund Expenses		<u>94,894.47</u>	
Balance			<u>14,783.40</u>
Ongoing Deficit to Date (Includes Line of Credit Balance Due)			<u>(117,716.87)</u>
Building Fund			11,579.71
Missions (Budgeted & Non-Budgeted)			1,276.52
T.I.M.			1,152.50
VLHS			213.19
Boiler Fund			671.69

St. Paul Lutheran School

January 2013



Welcome to the year 2013! What a better way to start the brand new year than with our Lord and Savior! We begin our journey with hearts that are open and ready for God to lovingly lead us on His path through this year no matter what it holds for each of us.

I would like to thank everyone that was able to assist us with this Christmas services... from sewing to watching students in your help and your prayers were definitely gifts to all of us.

Philippians 2:10

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

- Jan. 2 school resumes
- Jan. 6 Epiphany
- Jan. 17 NO afternoon busses, P.T.L. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 18 ½ day of classes ~ end of the quarter dismisses at 11:10 a.m.
- Jan. 21 No School ~ Teacher Conference
- Jan. 27- Feb. 1 National Lutheran Schools Week
 - Monday:** Pajama/Weird Hair Day & Pancake Breakfast
 - Tuesday:** Senior Citizen Dress-up Day, Hymn Sing & Read-Around Day
 - Wednesday:** Prom/Princess & Princess Day & Chapel
 - Thursday:** Class Color Day & Wacky Olympics
 - Friday:** USA Day & Movie Day
 - Sunday:** Students sing at their choice of service

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. 1 All Students for Lutheran Schools Week choice of service

Spartan Sports

Our basketball season for boys and girls on the B-teams finished last month. Congratulations to all the B-teams on seasons well played. Thank you to the coaches, fans and parents for all they did for these children. A-Team basketball starts this month. The girls start the play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



January Girl's & Boy's A-team Basketball

- Jan.17 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 23 at Peace, Saginaw 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 with St. Paul, Flint 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30 at Bethlehem, Saginaw (boys ONLY) 4:30 p.m.

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

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, Lays and Campbell soup labels, drink pouches, ink cartridges, SCRIP, Meijer and Kroger programs as well as gift cards for Central Shop-Rite, Meijer and Marathon gas stations (Bo's is now a Marathon station). We are no longer collecting Shop-Rite receipts, but do have gift cards that earn St. Paul 5%. See the school office for more information.



Youth News

412 Youth Ministry January Events

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1st Timothy 4:12

High School Ministry

Bible Study Series – Music in Ministry

- In this series, we will be watching/listening to some of the new and popular Christian songs and Mainstream music that are out now, discussing the various themes and diving into God’s Word and discussing how to apply these lessons to our lives.

Sunday, January 6th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Artist: Switchfoot

Song: Dark Horses

God can use us for great things, no matter what and especially when we feel insignificant. We will discuss the ways to remember this for times when we need it most and when we don’t feel like it.

Sunday, January 13th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Artist: MercyMe

Song: To Whom It May Concern

How we can relate to our peers and help each other across the pits of life and seeking God in all we say and do.

Sunday, January 20th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Artist: Fun

Song: Some Nights

Sometimes we think we know what we want in life, but when we get it we find it is not what we hoped it would be. God gives us all that we need.

Sunday, January 27th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Artist: Neon Trees

Song: Everybody Talks

Lies and rumors are very damaging to people and relationships. Jesus says to speak the truth and to follow Him is to rise from the mud hole and seek to speak words of love.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Talent Survey

Please take some time out and check any of the areas that you would be interested/have skills in and would like to help serve our church and school.
Please return for to either the Church or School office.

Name _____ Contact # (home, cell) _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video - CD Duplication | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Assisting/Visiting the Ill/Shut-ins/Hospital Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video – Screen Tech (running screen for Worship Services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Children’s Babysitting (A.I.C. classes, Zumba, Bible studies, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video – Sound Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Bereavement & Follow-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Christian Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Cards/Phone Calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Elders | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Chancel Dramas/Plays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Christian Care Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Fellowship & Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Church Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Dorcas LWIM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Social Concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Family Ministry Event Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Funeral Luncheon Food Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards – Trustees | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Funeral Luncheon Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee – Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Prayer Chain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee – Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Prison Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee – Memorials | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Providing transportation to worship services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee – Trust & Investment | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Puppet Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Church Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Sonshine Club |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Electrical Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Stephen Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Excavation | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Sunday School Superintendent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Planting Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry – Sunday School Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Weeding Flower Beds | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Lawn Mowing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Plumbing Repairs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Snow Removal w/Plow | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Snow Removal w/Shovel | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility – Upkeep of Softball Diamond | |

- Ministry – VBS - Coordinator
- Ministry – VBS- Classroom Helper
- Ministry – VBS – Crafts
- Ministry – VBS – Kitchen Help
- Ministry – VBS – Music Leader
- Ministry – VBS - Snacks
- Ministry – VBS – Teacher
- Missions – Short Term Mission Trips
- Music – Brass Ensemble
- Music – Church Band
- Music – Church Choir
- Music – Handbells
- Music – Praise Team
- Music – Musicians
- Music – Singing
- Office Helper – Data Entry
- Office Helper – Mailings
- Office Helper – Putting together the Monthly Newsletter
- Office Helper – Putting together the Church Bulletin
- Office Helper – Typing
- Publicity – Photographs at Church and School Events
- Servants – Altar Guild
- Servants – Count Offerings after Services
- Servants – Greeters
- Servants – Sextons
- Servants – Ushers
- School – Assist in Classroom
- School – Library
- School – Athletics – Working Concession Stand
- School – Athletics – Working Gate @ Athletic Events
- School – Athletics – Cleaning Up after Athletic Events
- School – Coaching – Boy’s Soccer
- School – Coaching – Boy’s Basketball
- School – Coaching – Boy’s Volleyball
- School – Coaching – Girl’s Volleyball
- School – Coaching – Girl’s Basketball
- School – Coaching – Girl’s Soccer
- School – Coaching – Cheerleading
- School – Coaching – Track & Field
- Youth – Soup Supper Food Preparation
- Youth – Soup Supper Kitchen Helper
- Youth – Event Helper/Chaperone (must be 20 years or older)
- Youth – Provide Transportation to Events

January 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Notes 9:45AM Sunday School Bible Study		1 New Year's Day No Services Offices Closed	2 School Resumes 9-11AM Storyhour 6:30 Worship Team 6:53PM Choir 7PM Council	3 6:15PM Praise Team	4	5 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 8AM Zumba 7:30PM Worship
6 Epiphany 8:30AM Worship +C <i>Church Choir</i> 9:45AM New Member Welcome / Servant Celebration **9:45AM See Notes** 11AM Worship <i>Church Choir</i> <i>Adult Confirmation</i> 6:30PM Youth	7 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation 7PM Stephen Ministry Training	8 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	9 9-11AM Storyhour 2:30PM Dorcas Planning Meeting 6:30 Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	10 6:15PM Praise Team	11 St. Paul hosts Breakfast Club at MHS at 7AM 6-9PM Treasure Principle Seminar	12 8AM Zumba 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 2-5PM Treasure Principle Seminar 7:30PM Worship +C
13 8:30AM Worship <i>Handbells</i> Officer Installation **9:45AM See Notes** 11AM Worship+C <i>Handbells</i> 6:30PM Youth	14 7PM Handbells 7PM Stephen Ministry Training/Supervision 7PM Public School Confirmation	15 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 6:30PM Evangelism 7:30PM AA	16 9-11AM Storyhour 6:30 Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	17 6:15PM Praise Team 7PM PTL Meeting	18 ½ Day School <i>Messenger Deadline</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 10PM-8AM Jr. High Lock-In </div>	19 8AM Zumba 7:30PM Worship
20 8:30AM Worship+C <i>Church Choir</i> **9:45AM See Notes** 11AM Contemporary Worship 1:30PM October Baby Movie 6:30PM Youth 7PM Trustees	21 No School 7PM Handbells 7PM Public School Confirmation 7PM Stephen Ministry Training	22 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30AA	23 9-11 Storyhour 6:30 Worship Team 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	24 6PM Family Faith Night 6:15PM Praise Team	25	26 8AM Zumba 7:30PM Worship +C
27 8:30AM Worship 9:30AM Christian Care **9:45AM See Notes** 11AM Contemporary Worship+C 11AM-2:30PM Fish Fry 6:30PM Youth	28 7PM Handbells 7PM Stephen Ministry Training/Supervision 7PM Public School Confirmation	29 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15PM Zumba 7:30PM AA	30 9-11AM Storyhour 6:30 Worship Team 6:53PM Choir	31 6:15PM Praise Team	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Lutheran School's Week → </div>	