



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

January 2020

"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,

Almost every culture celebrates each new year. In ancient Rome, the god Janus was a key symbol. (Our month January is named after him.) Interestingly, he had two heads – one to look forward and the other to look backward. You might say the Romans recognized the value of the rearview mirror and the windshield.

When I was learning to drive, I couldn't help but become overly fascinated with the rearview mirror. I kept looking in the rearview mirror even as I drove. How cool was it to see what was right behind me without having to turn around! (Unless it was a police car.) Well, I soon learned it was dangerous – I almost had a wreck. My dad once told me, "Stop looking at all the cars behind you and focus on the road ahead of you!"

That was good advice. I soon realized that rearview mirrors were good to glance at, but not to gaze at. Most of the time, it's best to look straight ahead through the windshield. There's a reason the windshield is bigger than the rearview mirror.

This isn't simply about letting go of the past. It's important to sustain friendships we've made along the way. We should be grateful for fun memories and good times. Our past will always shape our future. But sometimes, the past can hold us back. If we prefer to look in the rearview mirror instead of the windshield, we'll keep getting stuck – and maybe wreck. Holding on to the comfort of our past can keep us from grabbing the adventure that lies in our future.

Here's a question for you: Where does your energy come from – the past or the future?

Seriously. How would you answer this question? Some people become fearful about the future because of a single factor: They love the familiar and the comfortable. They only get energy from grasping what's behind them. Sadly, this prevents them from seeing or seizing new opportunities, new friendships, or new experiences they might otherwise enjoy.

Our past here at St. Paul is a storied one: From the founding of the congregation (1897) and school (1902), through all the various moves, building projects, expansions, pastors, principals, teachers, students, staff, volunteers, missionaries, etc., St.

Paul has been the gathered Body of Christ here in Millington and throughout the world. The saints that have gone before us here at St. Paul looked ahead through the windshield even as they glanced at the past in the rearview mirror.

But our story isn't over. God has more to say and do in us and through us. We are now part of St. Paul's story. What are we going to do? Get stuck, or perhaps even wreck, because we're too focused on what's in our rearview mirror? Or, do we look ahead through the windshield of faith to what God has coming our way?

Might I recommend the following simple new habits and attitudes for 2020:

Replace comfort with curiosity. Choose to leave the comfortable to pursue the compelling.

Renew your commitment to embrace opportunities. Hang out with different people. Search for new challenges that will stretch you.

Relinquish the past and create new memories. Perhaps it's time to let go of the old accomplishments and go in search of new ones.

This echoes what St. Paul says in Philippians 3:13-14: "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." God draws us through His Word toward the way of life that He intends for us, a life with purpose and meaning that endures. God's call to every believer includes that call to service here on earth, and in that call the Lord provides the spiritual power for such service. It's a call that compels us forward even while we reflect on what's behind us. Motivated by the fact that Christ has reached out in grace and taken hold of us, we press onward with never-wavering concentration and all-out effort toward the blessed end to which Christ has promised that our life of faith will lead.

We eagerly look forward to the day when we will reach the goal of our faith and take full possession of that for which God has taken hold of us. But until that day, let us press onward – reflecting on our past in our rearview mirror, while focusing on our future as we look through our windshield with full and certain confidence in our God who drives us forward.

Pastor Tim Martinal

Adapted from "Habitudes for the Journey. Images that Form Leadership Habits & Attitudes: The Art of Navigating Transitions", by Tim Elmore.

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Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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The January Messenger is sponsored in Celebration of the 4th Anniversary of Glenn & Gale Brown.

Spiritual News

Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM - Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM

Join us between services in the Gathering Room for Coffee Hour before Bible Study begins.

Sunday School between services.

New Bible Study - Joy:Fully Lutheran – Led by Steve Kern between services in the Library beginning Jan. 5th. In a world so joyless as this one, we have the message of Christ that gives grace and peace, enlightening hearts and enlivening souls. There are so many pressures to hide the Gospel under a bushel basket, or to downplay our confession of faith. It is time to do the opposite. Let us proclaim what we believe, loud and clear, knowing why we do so. Join us for a 5 Lesson Bible Study between services that will help us discover the JOY in our faith.

Lesson topics are:

- "Where True Joys Are Found";
- "Joyful Worship";
- "Joyful Vocations";
- "Joy in Suffering"; and
- "Joyful Expectation."

Other Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Bible Study – Sat., Jan. 4th at 8AM in the Library.

Couples Night Bible Study! Led by Pastor Tim and Patti. All couples...married or not, join us Jan. 19th at 6:30PM in the Gathering Room. We will continue our discussion of love & respect in marriage. Don't worry if you have never attended - you can jump right in!

Women's Bible Study - Jan. 16th at 7PM in the Gathering Room. Has God ever asked you to do something that seemed impossible? In the Bible, Sarai/Sarah was asked to do several things that seemed ridiculous. Come see how she handled these crazy situations. How she was faithful & rebellious to God, but most importantly, how God saw it through it all.

Music at St. Paul

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the Church

It's a new year and ringers are needed-no experience necessary. Try it out! You don't even need to be able to read music! If questions, 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



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

- Jan. 5th - "The 'Aha' Moment" - Eph. 3:1-12
- Jan. 12th - "Baptized into Christ" - Matthew 3:17
- Jan. 19th - "Behold, the Lamb of God" - John 1:29-42a
- Jan. 26th - "Have No Fear!" - Psalm 27

Scripture Readings

Jan. 5th

1 Kings 3:4-15
Eph. 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

Jan. 12th

Is. 42:1-9
Rom. 6:1-11
Matt. 3:13-17

Jan. 19th

Is. 49:1-7
1 Cor. 1:1-9
John 1:29-42a

Jan. 26th

Is. 9:1-4
1 Cor. 1:10-18
Matt. 4:12-25



Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Jan. 7th at 5:30PM in the Council Room

Youth Team

Tues., Jan. 7th at 6PM in the Youth Room

Council

Wed., Jan. 8th at 6:30PM in the Library
****Note the date change****

Memorials

Thurs., Jan. 9th at 10AM

Prayer Committee

Thurs., Jan. 9th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

Planning Committee

Mon., Jan. 13th at 6:30PM in the Library

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Jan. 13th & 27th at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., Jan. 14th at 6PM

Elders

Wed., Jan. 22nd at 7:30PM in the Library

Happenings at St. Paul

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Jubilee Handbells - Tuesdays at 7AM in the church.

Storyhour Tuesday mornings from 9-11AM in the nursery. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and snacks. Call Lori if questions 989-205-9873.

Quilting Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit!

Painting - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

AA - 7:30PM in the Council Room

Zumba

We'll kick off the New Year on January 1st at 10AM in the gym. We will continue every Wednesday night at 6PM in the Parish Hall, and every Saturday morning at 10AM in the gym. \$1 at the door!

Euchre

Back for the Winter! Euchre on the first Saturday of the month beginning Sat., Jan. 4th from 4-6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 9th at 6:30PM in the Chapel
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We gather 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!

Scrapbooking

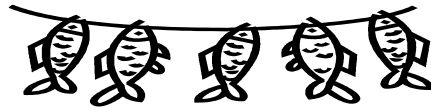
Sat., Jan. 11th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour, or the whole day. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spmill.org.

Appreciation Dinner

To thank the congregation for all their support of the youth, we are hosting an appreciation dinner before the Saturday evening service on January 18th. We will be serving a FREE fried chicken dinner with all the fixings. Dinner will be from 5-6:30PM. Everyone is invited - please join us!

Public School Confirmation

Thursdays from 7-8PM in the Gathering Room



Fish Fry

Friday, January 24th in the Parish Hall
11AM-7PM

3pc. Take Out Dinner- \$8.00
7pc. box of fish \$15.00

4-7PM

All You Can Eat Sit Down - \$10.00

Menu: Pollock, French Fries, Baked Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert

Workers & Desserts are needed! If you can make something, please drop off before Friday at 11AM.

Thank you! Sponsored by St. Paul PTL.

Sign Up in the narthex or school office.

Youth Events

Spark

Nerf Wars

Sun., Jan 12th from 12:30-2:30PM

Impact & Ignite (Grades 6-12)

Movie Night

Fri., Jan. 17th from 6:30-9PM

All Youth

Appreciation Dinner for the Congregation

Sat., Jan. 18th from 5-6:30PM

Everyone invited to a FREE chicken dinner!!

Youth - Help is needed to set up and serve.

Mark Your Calendar

High School Youth Gathering on Mackinaw Island

June 28th through July 1st

We will be hosting a dinner in January to help fund this.

If you plan on attending, fill out a form from the youth board in the church hallway with a \$25 deposit by

January 24, 2020. If you have any questions, please call the church office 871-4581 #3.

Area News

Save the Date & Seeking donations!! VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction will take place Sat., Feb. 29, 2020, at Apple Mountain Conference Center. The theme is "CLUE: Secrets in the Grand Ballroom". We are seeking items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). Thank you for your past support! Tickets will be available for purchase January 8, 2020. For further information or questions, please call Heidi Behnke at 790-1676 at Valley Lutheran High School.

Mark Your Calendar – The Wonder of Love Ultimate Date Night with Jay & Laura Laffoon Fri., April 24th from 7-9:30PM at the Millington Church of God. Have you ever tried to describe marriage to a single person? You can't. It's a mystery and it's called the Wonder of Love. The Ultimate Date Night is a 90-minute comedic look at this thing called Love. Using their unique blend of music, comedy and Biblical truth, the Laffoons reveal 6 different ways to grow love in your marriage! Couples will walk away with a renewed love for their spouse and practical tools to continue building the love in their relationship. Tickets can be purchased at itickets.com-\$30 per couple if purchased before April 17th; \$40 after.



St. Paul Lutheran School

January 2020

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 year 2020! What a better way to start this brand new year than with our Lord and Savior! We begin our journey with hearts open and ready for God to lovingly lead us on His path through this year no matter what it holds for each of us; remembering to *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18"*

The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone that showed us such love through the CHRISTmas season, as well as anyone that was able to help with this year's Children's CHRISTmas services. You, your help and prayers were definitely gifts to all of us.



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

- Jan. 6 classes resume, Epiphany
- Jan. 20 No School ~ Great Lakes Bay Teacher Conference
- Jan. 23-24 ½ days of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m; end of quarter, Fish Fry

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



School Musical Opportunities



- Jan. 12 All grades K-8 choice of service
- Jan. 26 Free Spirit Choir 8:30 a.m.

Spartan Sports

Our basketball season for B-teams boys and girls finished last month. Congratulations to both B-teams on seasons well played. Thank you to the coaches, fans and parents for all they did for these children.

The A-Team basketball seasons begins this month; the girls start the play followed by the boys.



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



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| Jan. 8 | at Trinity, Reese | 5:45 p.m. |
| Jan.10 | at St. Paul, Flint (BOYS only) | 4:45 p.m.. |
| Jan.13 | with Christ the King, Sebewaing | 4:30 p.m.. |
| Jan.16 | at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan.18-19 | Valley Tournament (GIRLS only) | TBA |
| Jan. 22 | with Holy Cross, Saginaw (BOYS only) | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 24 | at Holy Cross, Saginaw (BOYS only) | 6:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | at Peace, Saginaw (GIRLS only) | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | with Trinity/Trost | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 30 | with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth | 4:30 p.m. |

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.

- Jan. 25 with St. Michael's , Richville

Check the school office or St. Paul website for additions or changes to the schedule. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, ink cartridges, Shoparoo 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.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info / Misc.

The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills, Director of Finance

Within this Messenger is the approved calendar year 2020 budget. The Voter's Assembly passed a deficit budget of (\$54,425.00).

The budget overview as printed lists each major category of income or expense. If you would like to see the actual breakdown of each category, please contact bookkeeping and I can provide you that information. For example: the Elder's approved expenditure for 2020 is \$16,450; the breakdown as to what that \$16,450 consists of is available on request.

Why the deficit? Our projected income does not cover our projected expenses. Health care benefits took a major hit for 2020. Salary and Personnel did take measures to reduce our benefit costs, but it wasn't enough to cover the deficit.

For the income side, on November 30, 2018 our congregational envelope proceeds were \$548,308; on November 30, 2019 they were \$527,065 or around \$22,000 less than the same time in 2018. For comparison, congregational envelopes for 2018 were \$627,622; as of 12/17/19, our envelope proceeds for 2019 are \$573,355. We would need to take in \$54,000 between December 22nd and 31st to meet last year's givings. Who knows – maybe we will.

End of year figures for 2019 will be published in the February 2020 Messenger. This year the 2019 Annual Report will not only show the general fund detailed numbers, but also all designated account numbers.

The back of the bulletin will look a little different starting in January. Feedback suggests showing the restricted accounts gives a false sense of our general fund checking account. Perhaps just showing general fund income and expense and compare to the budget will show the actual state of our checkbook. For those that want total transparency and want to see "everything", maybe a quarterly report in the Messenger is in order. Feedback?

Offering Envelopes

The **2020 Church Offering Envelopes** are on the tables in the narthex. Please take your box and any others you may be able to deliver. Thank you!

Annual Reports

All boards, committees, groups, etc. - please submit your annual report by Mon., Jan. 6th. Email to church.office@spmill.org or bring to the church office. Examples can be found in previous reports. If questions, call the church office 871-4581.

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Honor of Violet Hornfeld's 100th Birthday	
General Fund	\$255.00
School Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Marjorie Keinath	
General Fund	\$20.00

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 11/30/19:	\$466,947.35
Debt free date if nothing changes:	October 2022
Nov 2019 Mortgage Payment:	\$14,135.00
* Principal	\$13,218.20
* Interest	\$ 916.80
Amount received to pay mortgage:	\$13,424.00
Amount Deducted from contingency fund:	\$ (711.00)
Balance LEFT in contingency fund:	\$ 5,360.58

Nov 2019 Income & Expense Summary

Nov General Fund Income:	\$73,306.66
Nov General Fund Expenses:	\$(87,369.87)
Nov Deficit	\$(14,063.21)
Year to date: Deficit	\$(52,444.56)
Overall: Surplus	\$ 1,019.44
General Fund Checking Balance:	\$ 1,019.44

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$114,634.23
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$ 54,984.88
All Memorials balance:	\$ 21,831.76
** This money is NOT available to spend on utilities, wages, benefits, taxes, supplies, etc. - it is RESTRICTED	

Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors needed for 2020. The cost is \$75.00. Call the church office to sign up.

Altar Flowers

The **2020 Flower Chart** is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. When signing up for flowers, please add your name, phone number, and if center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and for calling the church office for your bulletin article. Thank you!



St Paul Lutheran Church & School

BUDGET OVERVIEW: CALENDAR YEAR 2020 - FY20 P&L

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Revenue	
40000 General Operating Revenue	
40200 Education	
40201 Prior Year Balances	5,000.00
40203 Tuition - K-8 Member	105,318.00
40204 Tuition - K-8 Community	49,440.00
40206 Processing Fees	2,800.00
41213 (Church GF) Child Care / Latchkey / Preschool	176,550.00
Total 40200 Education	339,108.00
40300 Elders	2,250.00
40500 Finance	
40501 Envelopes - General	607,721.00
40503 Plate - Cash	25,729.00
40504 Other Offerings	16,976.00
Total 40500 Finance	650,426.00
40600 Salary & Personnel	8,000.00
40800 Trustees	
40801 Rental Revenue	2,900.00
40802 Other Revenue	300.00
Total 40800 Trustees	3,200.00
Total 40000 General Operating Revenue	1,002,984.00
Total Revenue	\$1,002,984.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,002,984.00
Expenditures	
50000 General Operating Expense	
50300 Elders - General Fund	16,450.00
50500 Finance	
50501 Other Expenditures	100.00
50502 Merchant Service Fees	1,700.00
50503 Bank Fees	30.00
50505 Office Supplies	275.00
50506 Postage	120.00
50507 Quickbooks Software	3,300.00
Total 50500 Finance	5,525.00
50600 Salary & Personnel	
50601 Independent Contractors	7,488.00
Total 50600 Salary & Personnel	7,488.00
50750 Stewardship	1,350.00
50800 Trustees	83,396.00
55000 Wages - Salaried	
55001 Pastoral	107,713.00
55002 Principal	49,578.00
55004 Teachers	301,455.00

	TOTAL
55005 Custodial	32,944.00
55006 CC/LK/PS Director	35,568.00
Total 55000 Wages - Salaried	527,258.00
56000 Wages - Hourly	
56001 Administrative	50,789.00
56002 Child Care / Latchkey Lead	28,194.00
56003 Child Care / Latchkey Aides	36,188.00
56004 Custodial	15,990.00
56007 Organists	6,600.00
56008 Preschool	17,206.00
56012 Bookkeeper	20,748.00
Total 56000 Wages - Hourly	175,715.00
57000 Employer Paid Taxes / Benefits	
57001 Health Insurance	130,564.00
57003 SS/Medicare Employer Taxes	23,656.00
57004 Health Care - Medicare Eligible	13,717.00
57005 Concordia - Pension	72,290.00
Total 57000 Employer Paid Taxes / Benefits	240,227.00
Total 50000 General Operating Expense	1,057,409.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,057,409.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -54,425.00
NET REVENUE	\$ -54,425.00

Opportunities / Thrivent Info

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

Rescue Mission

Help is needed for our next **Rescue Mission** date on Jan. 11th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw from 10AM-2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. To help prepare sack lunches, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Jan. 10th 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

Needed for **Health Kits**: 9 shampoos, 5 wash cloths, 14 combs, 10 toothpastes, 7 deodorants. Place items in the wooden cabinet in the narthex.

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!

Much Appreciated LEAP Programs

In recent months, each of twenty Lutheran school principals and early childhood center directors individually met with one or another of the officers of our Lutheran Education Advancement Plan Alliance "Board of Participants." In the meetings, *LEAP* goals and programs presently in place were critiqued, and suggestions were offered relating to possible future initiatives and plans to be developed and delivered through our *LEAP* Alliance. Among various *LEAP* events and programs identified and praised were the Lutheran schools Admissions Counselor program which is just beginning, the more than ten various informational/training LEAP-Shops that have been offered to many church and school leaders, and the "P2" Pastor-Principal Meetings/Workshops that are regularly conducted several times each year. A new suggestion which was also broached through the recent one-on-one meetings . . . is that of creating/developing a Shared School Guidance Counselor for our Lutheran schools.

We pray our Lord's continued blessings upon the ministries of our Lutheran schools and upon the people and the endeavors of *LEAP*!

What is Thrivent Choice?

The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program that encourages Thrivent members recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding. Choice Dollars® and Thrivent Choice Voting® Events result in the distribution of several million dollars of grant funds to causes that you care about most. If you qualify, **your Choice Dollars can be directed every quarter, or once a year.** If you haven't directed your dollars for 2019, please call Thrivent or go online to www.thrivent.com.

Thrivent Action Teams / FREE Money!

Did you know that if you're a Thrivent member, you can apply for a **\$250 gift card** to help with a service activity or fundraiser? Think of all the possibilities where this could be beneficial.

How it Works - Think about a need in our church or community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit with T-shirts and a \$250 Gift Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact. Details and guidelines can be found online.

How often am I eligible? Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members one per year.


Go to Thrivent.com, click on "Making a Difference", then "Thrivent Action Teams". You will need a User ID and Password to apply. If questions, call the church office and we can help get you started.

NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY AHERA

In Jan. of 2017, we had St. Paul Lutheran Church and School reinspected for asbestos hazard by Digus Consultant Company. They are Environmental Protection Agency accredited and Michigan Department of Public Health licensed as inspectors and management planners. This reinspection was performed in compliance with AHERA-Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. Although we do have some asbestos in our building, some response actions and periodic surveillance will help control possible hazard to our congregation, students, staff, parents or guardians, custodians, part-time workers, or contractors. This reinspection report will be included in the management plan and is available for your inspection by appointment only with Bill Weber, the Asbestos Program Manager for our church and school. Reinspection of these materials at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Millington, shall be conducted at least once every three years. Annual notification shall be issued and updated information shall be made available.



JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10a Zumba	2 6:15p Praise Team	3	4 8a Men's Bible Study 10a Zumba 4p Euchre 7p Worship
5 8:30a Worship + C – Church Choir 9:45a Bible Study/Sunday School 11a Worship – Church Choir	6 7p Handbells	7 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Youth Team Mtg 7p Open Gym 7:30p AA	8 6p Zumba 6:30p Council Meeting 6:53p Church Choir	9 10a Memorials Mtg 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Cmte 7p Public School Confirmation	10 1:30p City Rescue Prep	11 9a Scrapbooking 10a City Rescue Msn 10a Zumba 7p Worship + C
12 8:30a Worship – K-8 9:45a Bible Study/Sunday School 11a Worship + C – K-8 12:30p Spark Nerf Wars	13 6:30p Planning Mtg 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry	14 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7p Open Gym 6p Board of Ed Mtg 7:30p AA	15 6p Zumba 6:53p Church Choir	16 3p Girl Scouts 6:15p Praise Team 7p Women's Bible Study 7p Public School Confirmation	17 6:30p Impact/Ignite Movie Night	18 10a Zumba 5p Dinner provided by Youth 7p Worship
19 8:30a Worship + C - Handbells 9:45a Bible Study/Sunday School 11a Contemp Worship – Handbells 6:30p Couples Bible Study	20 NO SCHOOL 7p Handbells	21 7a Jubilee (Jr Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7p Open Gym 7:30p AA	22 6p Zumba 6:53p Church Choir 7:30p Elders	23 ½ DAY OF SCHOOL 6:15p Praise Team 7p Public School Confirmation	24 ½ DAY OF SCHOOL Fish Fry 7a Breakfast Club hosted by St Paul	25 10a Zumba 7p Worship + C
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Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

January				
Acolytes	4/5	11/12	18/19	25/26
7PM	Olivia Bailey	Jillian Fackler	Alexis Bruner	Degrick Koch
8:30AM	Abby Skouson	Caleb Beyette	Ryan Keinath	Rylee Riendeau
11AM	Tyler Rude	Connor Erlenbeck	Luke & Brady Petzold	Qwilleran Schmandt
Screen Tech				
7PM	Jillian Fackler	Degrick Koch	Jillian Fackler	
8:30AM	Singers	Ryan Keinath	Singers	Keira Wiacek
11AM	Brandon Draper	Grace Erlenbeck	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
7PM	Wilbert & Sue III	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent
8:30AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy III	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 – Glenn Brown
 Gale Brown
 Armand Carmona
 Fay Carmona
 Mike Kern
 Ron Schiefer
 Gary Wagner
 Bob Wager
 Bill Weber
 Duane Weber
 Katherine Weber
 Ed White

Ushers

11AM Service
 Captain – Tim Daenzer
 Assistant – Tim Brown
 Danielle Ayotte
 Matt Ayotte
 Paige Ayotte
 Abby Brown
 Corey Daenzer
 Larry Henderson
 Jason Ketels
 Arlyn Marks
 Rod Wilson

Ushers

7PM Service
 Captain – Jeffrey Yorke
 Chad Fackler
 Marc Keinath

Church Sextons

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

*One of the greatest gifts
 you can give is your time.*

Very helpful people who
Operate without a paycheck because they
Love to contribute and
Understand the power of giving and
Never give up.
They step up to help and
Everyone appreciates
Each small act because it
Really makes a difference.
Sparing time is caring for others!

January Birthdays

Marie Saeger	01/01	David Engelhart	01/16	Sheryl Schiefer	01/31
Kirsten Skouson	01/01	Nicole Jaruzel	01/16	Keven Washburn	01/31
Sonny Bishop	01/02	Ken Reinert	01/16		
Nicholas Tolbert	01/02	LeeAnn Wagner	01/16		
Tyler Bentley	01/03	Dustin Bishop	01/17		
Cathleen Bloor	01/03	Sam Bishop	01/17		
Carol Kammer	01/03	Sydney Bishop	01/17		
Gailan Kester	01/03	Bill Garrett	01/17		
Debra Nitz	01/03	Seth Keinath	01/17		
Marlene Stratton	01/03	Connie Daenzer	01/18		
Lela Higgins	01/04	TJ Heinlein	01/18		
Alex Keinath	01/04	Terri Keinath	01/18		
Calvin Salem	01/04	Mitch Loomis	01/18		
Janice Schiefer	01/04	Andrew Maschke	01/18		
Keith Frasier	01/05	Michael Schiefer	01/18		
Carol Schwab	01/05	Don Stange	01/18		
Andrew Selich	01/05	Richard Harpst	01/19		
Brian Weber	01/05	Gailan Reinert	01/19		
Elizabeth Coleman	01/06	Ted Wager	01/19		
Sheri Erlenbeck	01/06	Ronald White	01/19		
Will Petzold	01/06	Montgomery Carlyon	01/20		
Linda Rohde	01/06	Dick Glady	01/20		
Michael Ryan Sherman	01/06	Shayla Heike	01/20		
Gene Ziegler	01/06	Thomas Meeks	01/20		
Kenneth Cunningham	01/07	Heather O'Hearn	01/20		
Jamie Curtis	01/07	Zoey Paquette	01/20		
William Earl	01/07	Heidi Woolwine	01/20		
Kathleen Hergenreder	01/07	Bill Ackerman	01/21		
Chase Wiacek	01/07	Abby Brown	01/21		
Blake Erlenbeck	01/08	Daniel DeOrnellas	01/21		
Lonnie Kester	01/08	Diane Maxson	01/21		
Patti Martinal	01/08	Christopher Smith	01/21		
Lisa Aulbert	01/09	Chris Washburn	01/21		
Phillip Gordon	01/09	Luke Petzold	01/22		
Bethany Hallman	01/09	Keith, II Brown	01/23		
John Kowitz	01/09	Nicholas Corrigan	01/23		
Penny Schoenknecht	01/09	Michael Derscha	01/23		
Mark Wyman	01/09	Kenneth Gorsuch	01/23		
Sarah Burns	01/10	Cory Hunt	01/23		
Donna Mulka	01/10	Leah Rader	01/23		
Lukas Selich	01/10	Aaron Schiefer	01/23		
Marcus Jensen, Jr.	01/11	Patrick Hayden	01/24		
Benjamin Wittum	01/11	Aaron Staple	01/24		
Dick Gross	01/12	Amanda Stevens	01/24		
Shelly Holmes	01/12	Amber Inman	01/25		
Roger Keinath	01/12	Ron Petzold	01/25		
Kolten Long	01/12	Donna Stange	01/25		
Wyatt Reinert	01/12	Fred Trinklein	01/25		
Lana Schultz	01/12	David Kern	01/27		
Russell Mark Sherman	01/12	Paul Petzold	01/27		
Brandon Stevens	01/12	Lon Coleman	01/28		
Tim Daenzer	01/13	Karen Dumler	01/28		
Todd List	01/13	Sue Leader	01/28		
Kadi Morse	01/13	Dorothy Schreiber	01/28		
Jillian Muehlenbeck	01/14	Dustin Griesing	01/29		
Joshua Blue	01/15	Kyrian Thomason	01/29		
Steven Kennard	01/15	Ricky Horning	01/30		
Gabrielle Sergent	01/15	Chelsea Torrey	01/30		
Grace Brown	01/16	Julie Weiss	01/30		
Logan Curtis	01/16	Mike Ziegler	01/30		
Alan Draper	01/16	Emily Petzold	01/31		



Convention Report / Lenten Schedule

Report of the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Prepared for the Frankenmuth Circuit of The Michigan District
By Pastoral Delegate Dan Burhop and Lay Delegate Steve Kern

"Joy:Fully Lutheran: Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks"

Resolutions Giving Thanks, Recognizing Fellowship, Etc

- Res. 1-04 To Support the continuing Legacy of Dr. Rosa J. Young and Commend all Those Who are Working to Preserve It. Adopted 97.5% in favor.
- Res. 1-08 To Give Thanks to God for 100 Years of LCMS Campus Ministry. Adopted 94.6% in favor.
- Res. 2-01 To Thank God for 125 Years of International Mission through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Res.2-02 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the Office of International Mission in Asia. Adopted 98.1% in favor.
- Res 2-03 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the OIM in the Latin American and Caribbean Region. Adopted 98.8% in favor.
- Res. 2-04 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the OIM in the Eurasia Region. Adopted 99.9% in favor.
- Res. 2-05 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the OIM in the Africa Region. Adopted unanimous voice vote.
- Res. 2-08 To Give Thanks for LCMS ministry to the Armed Forces. Adopted unanimous voice vote.
- Res. 2-10 To Commend the Lutheran Heritage Foundation on its 25th Anniversary. Adopted voice vote.
- Res. 3-01 To Commend and Give Thanks for the Work of Synod Regarding Disaster Response. Adopted 99.8%.
- Res. 3-02 To Commend Lutherans for Life and LCMS Life Ministries. Adopted 99.3%.
- Res. 4-01 To Affirm and Celebrate 60 Years of Director of Christian Education Ministry in the Synod. Adopted 94%.
- Res. 4-02 To Commend LCMS Deaconesses and Diaconal Work. Adopted 96.8%.
- Res. 4-05 To Commend the Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the LCMS in 2022. Adopted voice vote.
- Res. 4-08 To Thank and Praise God for Concordia Publishing House's 150th Anniversary. Adopted by voice vote.
- Res. 4-12 To Thank and Praise God for the 10th Anniversary of the Publication of the Lutheran Study Bible. Adopted by voice vote.
- Res. 5-01 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium. Adopted by a rousing, "Yea! Yea! It shall be so!"
- Res. 5-02 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Portuguese Evangelical Lutheran Church. Adopted by a rousing, "Yea! Yea! It shall be so!"
- Res. 5-03 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Confessional Lutheran Church of South Africa. After questions about why two partner churches in South Africa question our decision on bringing this resolution. It was Adopted by a rousing, "Yea! Yea! It shall be so!"
- Res. 5-04 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark. Adopted with a rousing, "Yea! Yea! It shall be so!"
- Res. 5-08 To Commend and Support the International Lutheran Council. Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Res. 6-05 To Thank those Involved in Rostering Licensed Lay Deacons. Adopted 94.9% in favor.

(Resolutions Continued)

- Res. 6-06 To Give God Praise and Glory for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne's 175th Anniversary. Adopted unanimous voice vote.
- Res. 7-06 To Celebrate and Give Thanks to God for the 125th Anniversary of Concordia University, Nebraska. Adopted unanimous voice vote.
- Res. 12-01 To Commend and Give Thanks for our Lutheran Early Childhood Centers, Elementary Schools, and High Schools. Adopted by voice vote.

Announcements and Recognitions

President's Report

President Harrison noted his rejoicing by informing the convention that the Synod owes no creditor any money, for the first time in more than a century, "as far as we can tell."

The Synod is not a federation of self-governing districts. The training of church workers and their rostering has been constitutionally reserved to the Synod as whole. We rejoice that some 120 LLD's have now been ordained.

Other

The National Offering from the opening service brought in \$337,737.22 for the mission work of the LCMS through the Office of National Mission and the Office of International Mission.

The convention opened with 1,066 Voting Delegates, 153 Advisory Delegates, and 166 Advisory representatives. The number of Voting Delegates eventually grew to 1,076.

Lenten Schedule

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

Lenten services will be at 1:30 & 6:30PM
Feb. 26th, Mar. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Apr 1st
Dinner from 5-6:30PM

Any board, committee, group, family, etc. is welcome to host a dinner before the late service. This can be used as a fundraiser and you decide on the meal. This is also something you can apply for a Thrivent card to purchase the food and supplies for the dinner. If interested, please call the church office to reserve your date.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - April 9th
7PM Worship +Communion

Good Friday - April 10th
1:30PM Worship
7PM Tenebrae

Easter - April 12th
6:30AM Sunrise Worship
8:30 & 11AM Worship +Communion

Daily Lectionary / Misc.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January Daily Lectionary			<u>1</u> Is. 61:1-11 Luke 1:57-80	<u>2</u> Is. 62:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	<u>3</u> Is. 63:1-14 Luke 2:21-40	<u>4</u> Is. 63:15-65:2 Luke 2:41-52
<u>5</u> Is. 65:8-25 Luke 3:1-20	<u>6</u> Is. 66:1-20 Luke 3:21-38	<u>7</u> Ezek. 1:1-14,22-28 Rom. 1:1-17	<u>8</u> Ezek. 2:1-3:11 Rom. 1:18-32	<u>9</u> Ezek. 3:12-27 Rom. 2:1-16	<u>10</u> Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 Rom. 2:17-29	<u>11</u> Ezek. 33:1-20 Rom. 3:1-18
<u>12</u> Ezek. 34:1-24 Rom. 3:19-31	<u>13</u> Ezek. 36:13-28 Rom. 4:1-25	<u>14</u> Ezek. 36:33-37:14 Rom. 5:1-21	<u>15</u> Ezek. 37:15-28 Rom. 6:1-23	<u>16</u> Ezek. 38: 1-23 Rom. 7:1-20	<u>17</u> Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29 Rom. 7:21-8:17	<u>18</u> Ezek. 40:1-4, 43:1-12 Rom. 8:18-39
<u>19</u> Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29 Rom. 9:1-18	<u>20</u> Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23 Rom. 9:19-33	<u>21</u> Joel 1:1-20 Rom. 10:1-21	<u>22</u> Joel 2:1-17 Rom. 11:1-24	<u>23</u> Joel 2:18-32 Rom. 11:25-12:13	<u>24</u> Joel 3:1-21 Rom. 12:14-13:14	<u>25</u> Zech. 1:1-21 Rom. 14:1-23
<u>26</u> Zech. 2:1-3:10 Rom. 15:1-13	<u>27</u> Zech. 4:1-5:11 Rom. 15:14-33	<u>28</u> Zech. 6:1-7:14 Rom. 16:17-27	<u>29</u> Zech. 8:1-232 Tim. 1:1-18	<u>30</u> Zech. 9:1-172 Tim. 2:1-26	<u>31</u> Zech. 10:1-11:32 Tim. 3:1-17	

Finding Diamonds in Bible Class

The headwaters of the Indus River is in China and runs down through Pakistan to the Arabian Sea, much as our Mississippi runs down to the Gulf. On the Indus River shores sat a farm of a man named Hofed, whose beautiful fields were bountiful as was his family. He was content and therefore rich in things that mattered most in life. Then, an old traveling storyteller came who spoke of the world, forests, mountains, and rocks. Some of those rocks were tiny rocks called diamonds, very small and hard and they sparkled like stars. He said to Hofed, a few such diamonds would not only buy your farm, they would buy many farms. Suddenly, Hofed was no longer content. He sold his farm and left his family to travel many countries looking for diamonds.

Years later, money gone, reduced to rags, he returned to learn the man who bought his farm had one day seen in the stream running through it to the Indus River, a tiny sparkling rock, and near it, other sparkling rocks. These were the first finds in the acres of diamonds of what became the richest diamonds mines in the world.

Every church where the pastor teaches an Adult Bible class has its own acres of diamonds, sparkling gems of biblical truth flowing from the mouth of your pastor with gems he mined directly from Scripture, as well as commentaries from other miners such as Luther, Chemnitz, Augustine, and Sasse. The acres of diamonds are there for you to dig. Seeing you in the Divine Service is a beginning of first importance, and home meditation adds strength, but to fully ingest the Word and Sacraments so received, you need more of both the sword and shield to equip you in your Christian life where God has put you to both proclaim and defend Christ. You were put where you are to serve your neighbor being always prepared to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15) God says always be prepared to give an answer, and the best way to round out your preparation is that Bible Class. God also says in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved. . .and who correctly handles the Word of Truth." That is a command, not an option. We are to partake of what is more important than the bread of Matthew 4:4.

That real wealth is readily available to you in your pastor's stream of sparkling theological gems, insights, exegesis, historical context, and nuances of meaning from the original languages. Some may be teaching the young in other rooms, but for most to disown those acres of Biblical insights in favor of grabbing a brunch, checking your smart phone, or lounging in the hall with small talk is incomprehensibly more astonishing than the bad judgment of Hofed in disowning his acres of diamonds. The diamonds available in your pastor's class here and now are known. Hofed did not know what he disowned when he sold the farm, you do. Fear not a lack of understanding, your questions will likely speak for others, and even your silent presence will be an encouragement to all. The depth of your pastor's on the spot response to questions in, with, and under the topic of the day, impossible in a sermon, will give you the peace of God that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). The acres of diamonds are there for you to dig, so go to that Bible Class.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.



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“God specializes in giving
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Blessings on your
new year!