



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

January 2021

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

A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Whew! 2020 was quite the year! And that's a ginormous understatement. But rather than focusing on the past, I'd like to look at the present and the future of St. Paul.

But first, a question. If I ask you what St. Paul looks like in 2 years, or 5 years, or 10 years, what would you say? Well, I asked a few people. Here's what they said:

- Debt free and financially stable
- A growing school
- An updated and beautifully maintained property
- A vibrant family atmosphere
- Actively engaged in our Millington community

All of these are admirable and godly visions of our future. Yet, these visions won't become reality on their own. Certainly, God's plan will be accomplished with or without us. However, we are called to active service as part of God's plan. This is the way God has chosen to go about His work in the world, using us as His hands and feet.

A year from now, in 2022, St. Paul will be celebrating two major anniversaries: the 125th Anniversary of St Paul as a congregation; and, the 120th Anniversary of our school. We give God thanks for such a monumental milestone. A milestone we should recognize and celebrate. And if I asked, I'm sure all of us want the congregation and school to be around for another 100+ years.

For this to happen, it means we must be willing to ask and wrestle with difficult questions. For example: How do we (financially and physically) keep our facility updated and visually pleasing to our community? How do we fund our school ministry so that it does not merely get by, but excels? How do we encourage more of our members and families to be engaged in more aspects of our ministry?

What are some new things we should do? And what are those things we should quit doing?

I'm sure you can come up with many more questions. The answers to these and other questions will determine the vision and pathway for the next 2, 5, 10, and 100 years. By the way, not addressing these questions is giving an answer to them – it means we don't care what happens to St. Paul. And I don't think that's true.

Friends, this begins now! I implore you to be active in giving your input. You are part of the Body of Christ here at St Paul. Therefore, you are uniquely positioned to be the hands and feet of God in this place and at this time. That is not an accident. God intended you and me and all of us to be here together. We have all been sent with more purpose by God than we think.

My door is always open. Send me an email. Call me. Send a text. Message me on Facebook. Write a letter. However you feel comfortable contacting me, please do so.

We all have a vested interest in the present and future of St. Paul. With God's guiding and blessing, I am certain our best days are ahead of us.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal



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Worship Services
Sunday 10 A.M.
(Also live-streamed)
Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study
Sunday 9 A.M.

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Worship News / Scripture / Memorials / Financial Summary

Worship Service Times

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

Traditional service with Communion
2nd and 4th weekends

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

If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html.

Contact Information / Office Hours

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office, call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call one of the pastors on their cell phone - Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

Church Office Hours

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

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Ron Hegenauer General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Alice Ackerman General Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Joyce Koch General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Bob & Duane Benish General Fund	\$50.00



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

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

Jan. 3rd - "Your Light Has Come!" - Isaiah 60:1-6

Jan. 10th - "Our Servant King" - Mark 1:11

Jan. 17th - "Your Connection to Heaven" - Jn. 1:5

Jan. 24th - "God's Call" - Jonah 3:10

Jan. 31st - "Authority of God" - Deut. 18:15

Scripture Readings

Jan. 3rd

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

Jan. 10th

Genesis 1:1-5
Romans 6:1-11
Mark 1:4-11

Jan. 17th

1 Samuel 3:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Jan. 24th

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 31st

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 11/30/2020: 375,606.39

Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024

2020 Mortgage Payment \$10,000.00

* Principal \$8,741.06

* Interest \$1,258.94

Nov. offerings received to pay mortgage: \$13,214.04
Amount Added to contingency fund in Nov.: \$1,876.31
Balance as of 11/30/20 in contingency fund: \$77,261.73

Nov. 2020 Income & Expense Summary

General Fund Income: \$258,098.25

(includes PPP \$188,225)

General Fund Expenses: \$84,556.52

Nov. Surplus \$173,541.73

Overall Surplus to date \$132,880.33

Gen Fund Checking Balance \$149,423.66

Year End Giving Statements

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

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

St. Paul Lutheran School

January 2021

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.



Welcome to the year 2021! Last year held some pretty unexpected experiences, but we have God's assurance that He has EVERYTHING under control! 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. Let us start our journey, remembering that each of us is "Sent to Serve" where our Savior has placed us. How will you serve this year?

The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone that showed us such love through the CHRISTmas season, in so many ways. You, your help, encouragement and prayers are definitely gifts to all of us.



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

- Jan. 4 classes resume
 - Jan. 6 Epiphany
 - Jan. 18 No School ~ Great Lakes Bay Teacher Conference
 - Jan. 21-22 $\frac{1}{2}$ days of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.; end of the quarter
- **Both of these days WILL have bussing in the afternoon. ****

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

Spartan Sports

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

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

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

PTL News, Trust & Investment, Thrivent Info.

PTL NEWS

Hello Parents & Staff,

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

Go to www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?61880 to show our valued teachers your support

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

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

St. Paul Lutheran School PTL

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

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 St. Paul are 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 Voters' 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.

Applications for Trust & Investment funds will be available soon. Details to follow in upcoming Messengers and announcements.

Thrivent Action Teams

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, including: A Promotional Banner, Invitations and thank-you cards, T-shirts, and a \$250 Impact 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 or school office and we can help get you started.

What is Thrivent Choice?

The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program that encourages members of Thrivent to 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 members like 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 2020, please call Thrivent or go online to www.thrivent.com.

Miscellaneous, Special Thanks

Messenger Sponsors

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

Altar Flowers

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

Annual Reports

All boards, committees, groups, etc. please submit your annual report by Fri., Jan. 8th. Email to church.office@spmill.org or bring to the church office. If questions, call the office 871-4581.

Offering Envelopes

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

Teaching Position

St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington has a teaching position available for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The position would include fifth grade homeroom, sixth grade departmentalization and assistance with the congregation's music ministry. A resume or inquiries may be directed to paul.schoenknecht@stpaul-millington.org.

Principal/Teaching Position

Immanuel Lutheran School, Frankentrost in accepting resumes for a full-time principal/teacher position for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants must be a caring Christian role model and highly qualified with a current State of Michigan School Administrators Certificate or be able to attain one. He or she must possess all skills required to fulfill the duties of the principal/teacher. Resumes can be dropped off or mailed to Immanuel Lutheran School, Attn: Gloria Hecht, 8220 East Holland Rd, Saginaw, MI 48601 or submitted to Gloria Hecht via email at hecht5@netzero.com by January 31, 2021.

Happy
Winter!



Special Thanks!

Dear Friends in Christ,
You'll never know how much your cards and thoughts are **loved and appreciated**. I really appreciate ALL you people do for me when I get these, also for the gift from the Snyders! WOW! It's on my door. God bless all of you in His special way. Yes, the calls are all so nice too. May we see each other soon in church again.
Love in Christ, Eunice Peche

Thank you to Central Shop Rite, The Bishop Family, and Donna Ruppert for the donations for the Christmas Candy Bags.

Thank you to everyone who attended the online Voters' Meeting. It went well! We appreciate your cooperation with the new way of taking care of business, and we made it through without any problems! We know all the changes this year can be daunting, but we will continue to keep things going as best we can and will get through all this together!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year was a hard year emotionally and physically. It was also challenging for so many in financial terms. With that being said, it is amazing how you have given of your hearts in the most generous ways. I want to **thank you** for the abundant blessings so many of you shared with me personally (and my family). I appreciated every card I received. The fact that you took time to send them is so encouraging. The various gifts were humbling in their generosity.

I also want to say how wonderful it was to see the generosity that was shown to the faculty and staff through the gifts given to them. The words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:2 are fitting to you as well. "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." It was a year we would like to forget, but I will not forget the way you, as members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, gave joyfully and abundantly to others.

Thank you. I am blessed to serve you and our Lord. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joy filled year as we journey on under the banner of Christ.

Remember - You matter to God and you matter to me,
Pastor Bruner

Support St. Paul and Help Keep the Earth Clean!

**Please keep bringing in your inkjet cartridges
and turn them to cash!**

Drop Off:

In the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the
Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex.

Daily Lectionary / LEAP / AHERA Notice

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

LEAP News Nugget

LEAP ENTERS ITS SECOND DECADE - STILL WITH COMMITMENT, STILL WITH ENERGY
Early in 2011, representatives of twenty-four Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches/schools in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan began to formally collaborate on strategic planning and action – through their Sustainable Lutheran Schools Project, seeking to “affirm, support and enhance Christian educational ministries in our churches and schools.” The structure, planning, and action soon became known as the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan (LEAP) with a vision statement that very soon declared, and still aims for . . . Advancing Lutheran Education for Future Generations Across the Great Lakes Bay Region.

At this time of advancing from a first toward a second decade of LEAP history, God is thanked for His presence in that history by members, neighbors, and friends of LEAP! Also at this time, God is praised for the faithful and competent leadership of the Reverend C. William Hoesman, who has served as LEAP President during its first decade, and who continues as the St. Lorenz-Frankenmuth Lutheran Church and School representative with the LEAP Board of Participants. Dr. John Brandt, also a LEAP leader from its ground level, will assume now the role of LEAP President. May God bless Dr. Brandt’s continued leadership! Known to so many as the former teacher and Executive Director at Valley Lutheran High School, Dr. Brandt is the Bethlehem-Saginaw representative with the LEAP Board of Participants.

At this time we pray also for the presence of our Lord relative to the thinking and dreaming efforts of a soon-to-be-appointed “think tank” group of good, wise, and Godly persons committed to focusing, through a short-term effort, on wholesome LEAP thinking/planning for the future, aiming in strong Christ-centered directions. May God bless their efforts. To Him be the glory!

NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY AHERA

In January 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 Birthdays

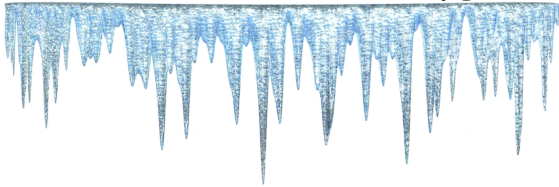


Marie Saeger	1	Benjamin Wittum	11	Anthony Wagner	20
Kirsten Skouson	1	Marcus Jensen, Jr.	11	Montgomery Carlyon	20
Charles Haley	1	Dick Gross	12	Shayla Heike	20
Nick Tolbert	2	Roger Keinath	12	Thomas Meeks	20
Sonny Bishop	2	Zachary Mills	12	Zoey Paquette	20
Kaiden Rueckert	2	Lana Schultz	12	Bill Ackerman	21
Carol Kammer	3	Russell Sherman	12	Abby Brown	21
Gailan Kester	3	Brandon Stevens	12	Diane Maxson	21
Debra Nitz	3	Shelly Holmes	12	Daniel DeOrnellas	21
Marlene Stratton	3	Kolten Long	12	Shannon Huber	21
Tyler Bentley	3	Morgan Rosebush	12	Christopher Smith	21
Cathleen Bloor	3	Wyatt Reinert	12	Chris Washburn	21
Lela Higgins	4	Tim Daenzer	13	Luke Petzold	22
Alex Keinath	4	Todd List	13	Keith, II Brown	23
Janice Schiefer	4	Kadi Morse	13	Nicholas Corrigan	23
Calvin Salem	4	Jillian Muehlenbeck	14	Michael Derscha	23
Carol Schwab	5	Joshua Blue	15	Cory Hunt	23
Keith Frasier	5	Steven Kennard	15	Kenneth Gorsuch	23
Andrew Selich	5	Gabrielle Sergent	15	Leah Rader	23
Brian Weber	5	Logan Curtis	16	Aaron Schiefer	23
Willard Petzold	6	Ken Reinert	16	Robert Williams, Jr.	23
Elizabeth Coleman	6	LeeAnn Wagner	16	RaeAnn Henderson	24
Sheri Erlenbeck	6	Grace Brown	16	Patrick Hayden	24
Linda Rohde	6	David Engelhart	16	Aaron Staple	24
Michael Sherman	6	Alan Draper	16	Amanda Stevens	24
Gene Ziegler	6	Nicole Jaruzel	16	Ron Petzold	25
Jamie Curtis	7	Dustin Bishop	17	Donna Stange	25
Chase Wiacek	7	Sam Bishop	17	Fred Trinklein	25
Kenneth Cunningham	7	Sydney Bishop	17	Amber Inman	25
William Earl	7	Bill Garrett	17	Paul Petzold	27
Kathleen Hergenreder	7	Seth Keinath	17	David Kern	27
Eleanor Stewart	7	Connie Daenzer	18	Dorothy Schreiber	28
Patti Martinal	8	Terri Keinath	18	Lon Coleman	28
Lonnie Kester	8	Mitch Loomis	18	Karen Dumler	28
Blake Erlenbeck	8	Don Stange	18	Martin Snover	28
Phillip Gordon	9	TJ Heinlein	18	Sue Leader	28
Penny Schoenknecht	9	Andrew Maschke	18	Dustin Griesing	29
Mark Wyman	9	Michael Schiefer	18	Kyrian Thomason	29
Lisa Aulbert	9	Richard Harpst	19	Michael White	29
Brenda Keinath	9	Gailan Reinert	19	Julie Weiss	30
John Kowitz	9	Ted Wager	19	Mike Ziegler	30
Bethany Hallman	9	Ronald White	19	Ricky Horning	30
Sarah Burns	10	Jordan Watchpocket	19	Chelsea Torrey	30
Donna Mulka	10	Dick Glady	20	Sheryl Schiefer	31
Kody Steepe	10	Heather O'Hearn	20	Emily Petzold	31
Lukas Selich	10	Heidi Woolwine	20	Keven Washburn	31
				Alan Law	31



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