



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### January 2022

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

#### A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)*

This is our theme verse for 2022. As we celebrate 125 years of ministry at St. Paul in Millington, we must always remember the reason and purpose for it. We have gathered over the years to worship the true God, receive His gifts, and share the Word of Christ to all. God willing, we will do these things for many, many more years to come.

In 2022, we will remember and celebrate the past 125 years. It's good to remember our humble beginnings: From the original church building and one room school house, through all the building projects down through years. From a few families worshiping and learning, to many families daily coming in and out of our building. From one pastor and teacher, to all the staff, teachers, and pastors we've had over the years. In all of this, through all the changes, Jesus Christ was with us and He never changed.

In 2022, we'll also reflect on where we are today. Our building debt is paid in full. We've weathered many storms, both literal storms as well as spiritual ones. Our school has 145 children from pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade this school year. Our staff, teachers, and pastors are experienced and dedicated in their service to the Lord and each other. We still gather to worship the true God, receive His gifts, and share the Word of Christ to all. Again, in all of this, even amidst our current world of constant change, Jesus Christ is with us and He isn't changing.

Finally, in 2022, we'll spend time looking at our future. What will St. Paul look like in 5

years? 10 years? 25 years? 125 years? This is where you play a significant part. Will we focus on caring for our members and school families? Or, intentionally reach out to those around us who are not yet part of our community? Or will we do both? Even as we deal with "today" every day, the ministry we do "today" will shape our "tomorrow". And while the future is uncertain for us, for Jesus Christ the future is known and in His capable, nail-scarred hands. He will be with us to the end of time. And He will never change.

Much has changed over the last 125 years. Much will change in the future. But Jesus, according to His eternal divinity, is unchangeable. His covenant of grace also doesn't change. Jesus Christ and all that He promises is the same yesterday and today and forever. Believers of any time and place have but one person for their faith, forgiveness, and life everlasting: Jesus Christ! To Him alone be glory now and forever!

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal

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#### **Worship Services**

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

#### **Faith on Fire**

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

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Call the church office to sponsor a month for \$75.00.*

# Worship News / Bible Studies

## Worship Service Times

Saturday at 7PM

Sunday at 8:30 & 11AM

Bible Study & Sunday School at 9:45AM

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

\*Matins 5th Weekend

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

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

Sat. eve of that weekend

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

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

## Contact Information

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

## Scripture Readings

### Jan. 2nd

1 Kings 3:4-15

Eph. 1:3-14

Luke 2:40-52

### Jan. 9th

Isaiah 43:1-7

Rom. 6:1-11

Luke 3:15-22

### Jan. 16th

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Cor. 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

### Jan. 23rd

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor. 12:12-31a

Luke 4:16-30

### Jan. 30th

Jer. 1:4-10

1 Cor. 12:31b-13:13

Luke 4:31-44



## Epiphany January 6th

We saw the star in the east and have come to worship Him. Matthew 2:2

## Sunday Bible Studies

"Faith on Fire" Sunday between services.

# FAITH ON FIRE

**Preschool-Grade 2 Faith Spark** - Childcare Room

**Grades 3-5 Faith Flare** - Projects Room

**Grades 6-8 Faith Ignite** - Computer Room

**Grades 9-12 Faith Flame** - Youth Room

**Adults Faith Blaze** - Parish Hall

Adult supervised toddler care is in the nursery room for children too young to attend the early childhood program. Materials include opportunities for parents to extend the lesson into the week with their children. Strengthen the faith of your entire family by attending this program.



**Coffee Hour** between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." **In order to keep coffee hour going, we need volunteers** to sign up to host a date or two. Hosting involves bringing in a few treats, making the coffee, and cleaning up. Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

## Bible Studies

**Men's Bible Study** - Join us on Sat., Jan. 8th at 8AM in the Library. Note the date change.

**Women's Bible Study** - Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in the Library. Are you chosen? What are you chosen for? Come join us as we walk through the life of Jesus with the program "The Chosen".

**Couples Bible Study** - Have a better Christ-filled marriage! We dare you!! The "Love Dare" is a journey every couple needs to take. Whether your marriage is hanging on by a string or healthy and strong, come, find the We will meet every 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.



## Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on

TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

## The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

## Upcoming Events / Meetings

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#### Quilting

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

#### Zumba

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

#### Scrapbooking

Sat., Jan. 8th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.  
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.  
Call the school office to RSVP.

#### Adult Volleyball

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

#### Epiphany Tree & Mortgage Burning

Sat., Jan. 8th at 4PM in the church yard. Bring your Christmas tree to burn, your favorite Christmas cookies and celebrate being debt free! Hot chocolate will be provided.

#### Board Member Installation/Rededication

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> in the 8:30AM service. All new and current board members are asked to attend.

#### Comedy/Magician Dinner Show

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

Purchase tickets ahead of time and save! If you purchase tickets in January, the cost is \$25 per person AND you will be entered in a drawing to win a door prize! If you wait until February, the price goes up to \$40 per person.

#### The Lutheran Witness

It's time to re-subscribe or subscribe to **THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** at a discounted rate. The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. It provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Subscriptions ordered through your church will include the Michigan In Touch supplement. The new subscription year doesn't begin until March 2022, but orders need to be to the church office by January 16<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of a discounted District rate of \$13.60/year. Payment for subscriptions should be made directly to St. Paul Lutheran Church and we will send those orders on to the District office. If interested, put your payment, name, address, & phone number in an envelope marked "Church Office-Lutheran Witness" and put in the offering box or bring to the office.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Celebrating 125 Years



The kickoff to our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will be Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. That weekend, former pastor, Tim Bickel, will preach at all three services and provide Bible class between services on Sunday. Following the second service on that Sunday will be our kickoff dinner celebration. This will include a potluck meal and presentation of the year's scheduled activities.

For the potluck, please plan on bringing a dish to pass. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Help us to encourage all former and current members to participate in this event, as it will begin the yearlong celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There are several activities planned throughout the year. Former pastors and sons of the congregation, who are pastors, will be visiting us through the year. Upcoming events will be presented on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details in the bulletin, newsletter and website in the upcoming months.

#### Meetings

##### **Council**

Wed., Jan. 5th at 6:30PM in the Library

##### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., Jan. 10th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

##### **Elders**

Wed., Jan. 26th at 6:30PM in the Gathering Room

##### **Reminder to all Boards:**

Please return your Board Info Sheet to the church office with board member names, emails, meeting dates, room requested, and chairman.

Thank you!



# St. Paul Lutheran School

## January 2022

*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 2022! The last few years have held some unexpected experiences, but we have God's assurance that He has EVERYTHING under control! **"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."** Colossians 1:17 This verse reminds all of us that GOD is IN CONTROL now and into the future and will HOLD us TOGETHER through whatever lies ahead! 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 into 2022 and even farther!

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. 3 classes resume
- Jan. 6 Epiphany
- Jan. 7 Spartan Spirit Day
- Jan. 17 No School ~ Great Lakes Bay Teacher Conference
- Jan. 20 Parent pick-up at 2:45 p.m.
- Jan. 21 ½ days of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.; end of the quarter

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 St. Paul system.

### School Musical Opportunities

Our musical opportunities for January are still being scheduled, so please check the school newsletter to see which group will be helping with our worship.

**Spartan Sports** Our basketball season for boys and girls on the A-teams begin this month. The girls start play followed by the boys. Come and support the children as they use their God-given talents.



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




Jan. 7	at Michael's, Richville	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	with Immanuel/Trinity	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Christ the King, Sebawaing	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	with St. Michael's, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.

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

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

*I Corinthians 10:31*

# Daily Lectionary / Serve & Volunteer

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

## Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

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

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

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

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

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Jan. 14th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

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

## **Support St. Paul and Bring in Your Used Ink Cartridges**

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

**Drop Off** in the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex. **Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted.** Please only bring in small ink cartridges.

Thank you!



# Financial Summary / Memorials / Misc.

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Balance as of 11/30/21 in contingency fund:	\$7,568.18
Nov. offerings Building Fund sent to CEF in Dec.	\$9,028.93

## November 2021 Income & Expense Summary

November General Fund Income:	\$70,207.74
November General Fund Expenses:	\$88,888.11
November surplus (deficit)	\$(18,680.37)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(43,056.87)
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$122,115.54

## RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary\*\*

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$97,504.91
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$77,854.54
All Memorials balance:	\$18,761.27
** This money is RESTRICTED***	\$194,120.72

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund November	\$948.88
VLHS door offering both weekends	\$948.16

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Erna Reinert	
General Fund	\$1,937.00
Building Fund	\$180.00
School Fund	\$127.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$85.00
In Memory of Donna Schlicht	
General Fund	\$50.00
In Honor of Rodger & Judy Grulke	
General Fund	\$40.00
In Memory of Bob & Duane Benish at Christmas	
General Fund	\$50.00

## Health & Safety Precautions

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

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

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

## 2021 Church Offering Statements

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

## Altar Flowers

The 2022 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. Please add your name, phone number, and center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice.

## Messenger Sponsors

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

## Annual Reports

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

## Shop and Earn Money!

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

## Offering Envelopes

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

## Part-time Organist

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

# January Birthdays

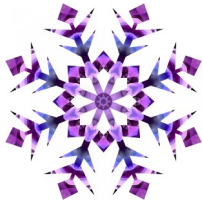


Marie Saeger	1	Benjamin Wittum	11	Montgomery Carlyon	20
Kirsten Skouson	1	Marcus Jensen, Jr.	11	Shayla Heike	20
Charles Haley	1	Dick Gross	12	Thomas Meeks	20
Nick Tolbert	2	Roger Keinath	12	Zoey Paquette	20
Sonny Bishop	2	Zachary Mills	12	Bill Ackerman	21
Kaiden Rueckert	2	Lana Schultz	12	Abby Brown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



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# January 2022



“We all get the exact same 365 days.

The only difference is  
what we do with them.”

—Hillary DePiano

