



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

January 2024

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

A Message from Pastor

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Worship Services

Saturday 7PM

Sunday 8:30 & 11AM

(11AM also live-streamed)

Bible Study/Sunday School

10AM

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

²²...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV)

What's one thing many of us look forward to in January? It certainly is not the bitter cold, at least for me. New Year's Eve, then, is the big holiday that redeems January's otherwise long and bitter cold period.

Any many of us on New Year's Eve make "resolutions", a formal statement of decision, typically a promise to ourselves to do something or quit doing something. When the clock strikes midnight, people are committing to becoming better people in many ways. Most people focus on fitness, eating habits, and relationships. Unfortunately, many give up and ditch these promises a few weeks into the new year.

As Christians, we are called to look beyond just the physical world to make ourselves better people. Beyond taking care of our bodies, which God has given us, we must take care of our souls. So here are some "resolutions" I encourage you to make for 2024:

- Spend at least 10-15 minutes each day in Bible reading and prayer. If you do this already, great! Think about adding a devotional reading as well. If you are doing that as well already, excellent!
- Attend 1 additional worship service each month than you did in 2023. If you attended every week in 2023, awesome! Think about serving in some way during our worship services. If you currently do this, thanks!
- Attend a bible study during 2024. Whether on Sunday mornings between services, or during the week, make studying God's Word with people a

habit. Let us know if you need help finding one.

- Give an offering or tithe on a consistent basis (every week, once a month, etc.). If you are already doing this, thank you, and prayerfully consider giving an additional 1%-2% in 2024.
- Find 1 new way to serve in 2024. Either volunteer at our school or church, join a Board or committee, etc. Maybe it's something new! Putting your faith in action is a great way to strengthen it.

These are only a few ways you can "resolve" to build up your faith in 2024. I'm sure you can think of others.

Remember, we are new creations in Christ through Baptism and faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He has given us the Holy Spirit which enables us to keep our 2024 faith resolutions. And when we feel like quitting or fail to keep them for a time, the Holy Spirit will call us back to Jesus. He will strengthen us and encourage us to continue forward. As our part of these verses from Ephesians 4:15-16 says: *we will in all things grow up into him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Keeping these "resolutions", and many like them, will Build, Grow, and Equip us for 2024 and beyond.*

I pray 2024 will see our faith strengthened, our commitment increased, and our ministry blessed by God.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal
Build. Equip. Grow. Together.
Ephesians 4:11-16

*To sponsor a month for the Messenger, please call the church office.
The cost is \$75.00, which is used for postage, printing, and paper.*

Worship Times / Scripture

St. Paul Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM
Livestream at 11AM

Bible Study/Sunday School
Sundays at 10AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM

2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &
Sat. eve of that weekend

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

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 #1 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.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.

Altar Flowers

The 2024 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please add your name, phone number, and center or side vases. Call the church office for bulletin wording and call the florist of your choice for ordering.

Lost and Found

The shelf in the coat area in the narthex has items that have been left behind. Check to see if any of the items may be yours.



Sundays at 10AM

Preschool–Grade 2 Faith

Spark: Daycare Room

Grades 3-5 Faith Flare:

Projects Room

Grades 6-12 Faith Ignite/

Flame: Youth Room

Adults Faith Blaze: Parish Hall

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care in the nursery for children too young to attend the early childhood program.

Coffee Hour between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." Volunteers needed to keep Coffee Hour going. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Scripture Readings

Jan. 7th

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 14th

1 Samuel 3:1-10

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Jan. 21st

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

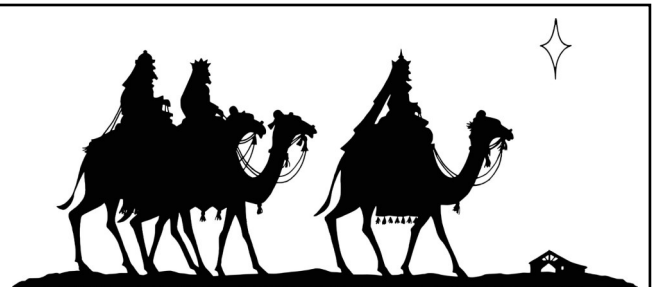
Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 28th

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



Epiphany - January 6th



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

Children's Bulletin Drawing

If your **child completes and turns in their children's bulletin** in the marked box in the lobby, they are entered into a drawing for a gift to strengthen and encourage their faith. Once a month, one (1) bulletin will be drawn at random for the gift. Please include a name and contact information. Every week is another opportunity to enter. This is a great way to encourage your child to participate in worship.

Upcoming Events

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall
Beginning January 8th.

Newcomers are always welcome. No skills necessary - we have something to do for everyone. Come and see how God can use your talents to help those in need.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., Jan. 6th at 8AM in the Library.
Next month: Feb. 3rd

Scrapbooking

Sat., Jan. 6th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

Young at Heart

Thursday, Jan. 11th at 1PM in the Gathering Room
It is our dream to build relationships across the generations. All ages from young adult on up are welcome. We will enjoy food and getting to know one another better. We will spend time discussing God's Word and other topics. Bring a friend and discover how good it is to be young at heart!

Board Member Installation & Rededication

Sun., Jan. 14th during the 8:30AM service for new and current members.

New Member Welcome

Sun., Jan. 14th between services in the Parish Hall.
Please join us to welcome our newest St. Paul members.

Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Jan. 2nd at 5:30PM

Council

Wed., Jan. 3rd at 6:30PM in the Library

Board of Education

Tues., Jan. 9th at 6PM in the School Office

Elders

Wed., Jan. 24th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

His Little Lambs Childcare

We have immediate openings for 2 1/2 to 4 year old friends in our childcare room. We are open Monday thru Friday 6am-6pm. Please contact us for information about enrollment 989.871.4581 ext. 3.

The Time of Christmas Epiphany and Its Season

Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or epiphany, from the Greek *epiphaneia*) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the Feast of the Epiphany the Theophany ("revelation of God"). When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Jew and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (Jan. 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi.

During Epiphany, we worship Jesus, who has given all mankind access to God through Himself.

Matthew 2:1-12 Matthew 3:13-17 John 2:1-11

Epiphany Practices and Traditions

- ◆ Like Christmas, the Epiphany of Our Lord, the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord are feast days of Jesus. The color for feast days is white, the color of divinity, purity, and joy. The Sundays after the Epiphany focus on the growth of Jesus' ministry, and the color green is used to symbolize that growth.
- ◆ On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. The Father sent Jesus to bear the sins of the world. So Jesus steps down into baptismal waters so that He can soak up the sins of the world: He is baptized into our sins so that our Baptism might be into His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. See Rom. 6:1-11.

Calendar/Door Scheduling

If you need to book a room or the gym and **need the doors unlocked** for an event, practice, or meeting (or if your event is cancelled,) you need to call the church office at least a **couple days in advance** so the doors can be programmed. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring.

****Just a Reminder****

If you are having an event at St. Paul, we have paper products in the group storage cupboards you can use for a minimal fee. Fill out the form indicating how many items you used and bring payment to the office or have the amount deducted from your profits. It's simple and way cheaper than buying everything separately from the store. If you are having a large gathering, please call ahead to be sure we have enough items in stock. Call the office if questions.



St. Paul Lutheran School *January 2024*

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 2024! What a better way to start this brand-new year than to stay CONNECTED 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. finding new ways to stay CONNECTED with God wherever He leads!

The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone for all the love that was shared with us 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. 5 Spartan Spirit Day
- Jan. 6 Epiphany
- Jan. 15 No School ~ Great Lakes Bay Teacher Conference
- Jan. 18 & 19 ½ days of classes with buses, dismissal at 11:15 a.m ; end of the quarter
- Jan. 28 Lasagna Dinner

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



- Jan. 27 Free Spirit 8:30 a.m.

Spartan Sports

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



Boy's & Girl's A-team Basketball



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| Jan. 3 | at St. Paul, Flint | 4:45 p.m. Boys ONLY |
| Jan. 5 | with St. Michael's, Richville | 6:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 9 | with Trinity-Trost | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 10 | with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 16 | with St. Paul, Flint | 4:45 p.m. Boys ONLY |
| Jan. 17 | at Christ the King, Sebawaing | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 22 | with Christ the King, Sebawaing | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 23 | at Trinity-Trost | 4:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 26 | at St. Michael's, Richville | 6:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 30 | at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth | 4:30 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.

† CONNECTED to CHRIST †

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

I Corinthians 10:31

Memorials / Financial / Serve & Volunteer

November 2023 Income & Expense Summary

November General Fund Income:	\$86,463.44
November General Fund Expenses:	\$106,968.26
November surplus (deficit)	\$(20,504.82)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(109,852.10)
Gen Fund Balance	\$352,318.30

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$174,118.65
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$302,704.30
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$76,955.77
All Memorials balance:	\$18,508.25
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$572,286.97

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund November	\$412.07
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund-Nov	\$10,939.09
Smorgasbord profit to Facility/Property Impr Fund	\$3,331.15

Church Election Results 2023

President

Tim Sergent

Secretary

Diane Bishop

Board of Education

Jamie Blue, Lynnzee Burns, Angi O'Neil

Board of Elders

Ron Schiefer, Kent Singer, Rod Wilson

Board of Evangelism/Fellowship

Celeste Ketels, Jessica Spencer

Board of Finance - Director

Gloria LaPointe

Board of Finance - Director-Elect

Diane Ackerman

Memorials Treasurer

Robin Rohn

Salary & Personnel Committee

Shelli Lugg

Board of Social Concerns

Candice Erdman, Katherine Weber

Board of Trustees

Mike Blue, Nate Burns, Jon Keinath

Thank you to all who prayerfully considered serving on a board.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Adam Flader	
School Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Kevin Kern	
General Fund	\$10.00

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

Dorcas is collecting items for the **Women's Shelter**. **Items needed:** Hand towels, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste. Place items in the cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!

Mission Lunch Prep Fri., Jan. 12th at 1:30PM in the School Kitchen. All are welcome to help prepare the lunches which will then be delivered to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Grantparent Program

Consider opening your hearts to families who want their children to receive a St. Paul Christian education, but perhaps cannot afford the rising costs. The "**Grantparent**" Program is designed to ease the financial burden for struggling parents, but it needs ongoing funds. If you are able to help continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please contact the school office. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

The Screen Tech and Acolyte Schedules are hanging on the board in the hallway between the mailboxes. We have many open dates and are looking for volunteers of any age to fill them in. If you can help on any of the dates, add your name and phone number to the schedule or call the church office. Thank you in advance for helping with these services.

Special Thanks!!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Women's Shelter. Twenty kits were delivered and were very much appreciated. Please continue collecting items to be delivered another time.

On behalf of my family, I would like to **thank you**, the St. Paul family, for your prayers this past year for my wife, Rae Ellen Banyas, cousin of Penny & Paul Schoenknecht and friend of Charles & Sharon Daenzer. Through her four hospitalizations this past year, you were there to help keep her alive and keep me going and staying positive! She is currently infection free and getting stronger! Thanks again, Daryl Banyas

Daily Lectionary / Bible Challenge / Thank You

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January Daily Lectionary	1 Is. 61:1-11 Luke 1:57-80	2 Is. 62:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	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			

Read the Bible with us!

We hope you are having fun and learning a lot by reading the Bible together with your family! Whenever you are done reading a book of the Bible, you can fill out a form and turn it into the office or your child's teacher. We hope you're up for a challenge, because January's book is a long one! We also know that if you have young children in your family, you may wonder if everything in Genesis is appropriate to share with them at this age. Please check out the first link in the resources listed below for some thoughts on that. We encourage you to pray about it and do what you feel is best for your family. You can still get credit for reading the book, even if you skip over some of the grittier stories or use a children's Bible. We love to see you reading the Word of God!

January's Book: Genesis

Day Reading	Day Reading	Day Reading
1 Gen 1:1-2:25	10 Gen 18:1-19:38	19 Gen 36:1-37:36
2 Gen 3:1-24	11 Gen 20:1-21:34	20 Gen 38:1-39:23
3 Gen 4:1-6:8	12 Gen 22:1-24	21 Gen 40:1-23
4 Gen 6:9-8:22	13 Gen 23:1-24:67	22 Gen 41:1-40
5 Gen 9:1-10:32	14 Gen 25:1-26:35	23 Gen 41:41-57
6 Gen 11:1-12:9	15 Gen 27:1-28:22	24 Gen 42:1-44:34
7 Gen 12:10-13:18	16 Gen 29:1-30:43	25 Gen 45:1-46:34
8 Gen 14:1-15:21	17 Gen 31:1-33:20	26 Gen 47:1-48:22
9 Gen 16:1-17:27	18 Gen 34:1-35:29	27 Gen 49:1-50:26

Additional Devotional Resources:

<https://witness.lcms.org/2023/why-and-how-to-read-your-kids-disturbing-bible-stories/>
<https://www.biblereadingplan.org/genesis/>
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-1-11/>
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/genesis-12-50/>

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



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**Equip. Build.
Grow. Together.**

Eph. 4:11-16

“Kindness
is like snow.
It beautifies
everything it
covers.”

