



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

July 2019

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

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#### Worship Services

Sunday 10 A.M.  
(summer schedule)  
Saturday 7 P.M.

#### Bible Study

Sunday 9:00 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, and specifically on the 4th of July, we celebrate, along with other things, the hard won freedom we have inherited as U.S. citizens. We are a nation and a people that absolutely focus on and live in freedom. However, what we often fail to remember is that we in fact are all born in slavery. Slavery to sin. People are never "free" in the sense that we are autonomous and truly self-reliant. All of us will always serve something. And apart from God and His grace, we would be in service to our sinful nature and the devil. Because of our corrupted and ruined nature, we can do no other. Period.

Yet, the gracious work of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross and empty tomb, given to us through the faith God the Holy Spirit created in us through the Word, has freed us from slavery to our sinful nature and the power of the devil. Now, in Christ, we can resist both, and instead live in freedom from condemnation and guilt. In Christ, we can live the life we were created to live, in loving service to God and to our neighbor.

For this freedom in Christ also comes with responsibility. We are not to use our freedom to the harm of others. Though there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus; though we are free in Him from having to keep the Law perfectly for our salvation (which can never be done of course); and though we do not have to worry about following certain rules or practices to secure our salvation, we are not free to live any way we want (which usually involves caving to the selfish desires of our old sinful nature, the Old Adam). Instead, we are free to love and serve with a godly, sacrificial attitude as we have first been loved and served by our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:13: "**For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.**"

Not only can we celebrate and live in the freedom we have as U.S. citizens, but we can also celebrate and live in the true freedom we have in Christ, loving our neighbors and especially our fellow believers. In such love, we will be aware of our calling to serve others, not using our freedom in Christ to harm them, but with a sacrificial heart, live lives that build each other up, rather than tear down or destroy.

Martin Luther summarizes this truth of the Christian faith this way: "***A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all.***" This Christian truth is a paradox. And yet, it is our reality as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Christian is at once utterly free in faith and a servant to all in works of love. Christian life is lived between these twin poles of faith and love.

May God bless you, your family, your friends and neighbors, our government and judges at the local, state, and national level, our first responders, and our military serving at home and abroad today and every day. And may you faithfully celebrate and live in the freedom we have, not only as U.S. citizens, but most especially as citizens of God's eternal kingdom.

You are created and loved by God the Father, redeemed and sent by Jesus Christ, and made holy and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live in Christian freedom.

Pastor Tim Martinal

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Travis Loeslie's translation. The translation of W.A. Lambert and revision of Harold J. Grimm is contained in *Martin Luther: Three Treatises, "On the Freedom of the Christian"* and the American edition of Luther's works: "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." (*Three Treatises*, (Fortress Press), 1970, 277).



The July Messenger is sponsored in memory of Leon Keinath from his wife, Mildred.

# Spiritual News

## Summer Worship Schedule

### **Saturday at 7PM**

(Communion Sat. before the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

### **Sunday at 10AM**

(Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

**Bible Study Sunday at 9AM** – in the Library.

### Other Bible Study Opportunities

**Men's Bible Study** – Sat., July 6th at 8AM  
in the Library.

## Adult Instruction Classes

Adult Instruction Classes will begin August 18th. You can help greatly by praying for our upcoming class. If you know someone who would be interested, call the church office or have them just show up. We will discuss the basics of what Christians believe and specifically what Lutherans teach. This is great for either those who want to become a member of St. Paul, or as a refresher for a member. Please call the church office if you are interested in attending.



### Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

July 7th - "What Motivates You?" - Galatians 6:1-10

July 14th—"Be a Good Samaritan" - Luke 10:25-37

July 21st—"First Things First" - Luke 10:38-42

July 28th—"God Regards the Lowly" - Ps. 138:1a, 208

## Music at St. Paul



### **Praise Team**

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the church.

## Scripture Readings

### July 7th

Deut. 8:1-10

1 Peter 2:13-25

Matt. 5:11-16

### July 14th

Lev. 18:1-5, 19:9-18

Col. 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### July 21st

Gen. 18:1-14

Col. 1:21-29

Luke 10:38-42

### July 28th

Gen. 18:17-33

Col. 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

## July Meetings

### **Social Concerns**

Tues., July 2nd at 5:30PM in the Council Room

### **Youth Team**

Tues., July 2nd at 6PM in the Youth Room

### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., July 8th & 22nd at 7PM

### **Council**

Wed., July 10th at 6:30PM in the Library

### **Prayer Committee**

Thurs., July 11th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

### **Elders**

Wed., July 24th 7:30PM in the Library

## Office Summer Hours

### **Church Office**

Monday through Thursday  
9AM-3PM

Friday  
9AM-12PM

Vacations or closures will be  
announced in the bulletin.

### **School Office**

Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
8AM-4PM

Evening Apts. Available  
Call 871-4581 #4

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

**Painting** - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

**Karate** - 6-8PM in the Parish Hall

**AA** - 7:30PM in the Council Room

## Prayer Meeting

Thursday, July 11th at 6:30PM in the Chapel  
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We are gathering 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!

## Arts & Crafts Camp

**Kids Arts and Crafts Summer Day Camp** will once again be held by Cookie Schmitzer. Camp will be July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2:30PM in the Projects Room for ages 6 and up. It will consist of the following: painting (oil and acrylic), paper art, tie-dye art, and several others. Cost:\$100 for the week or \$30 per day per student. All supplies included—bring a sack lunch. If interested, forms are in the church or school office and should be returned with payment by July 10<sup>th</sup>. If questions, please call Cookie Schmitzer at 989-672-1007.

## Dorcas Bake Sale

### **Dorcas Summer Festival Bake Sale**

Fri., Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> near Millington Insurance  
Set up at 8AM. Items needed: Butterhorns, Cookies, Brownies, Noodles, Cakes, Pies, Cinnamon Rolls. Thank you ahead of time for your baking.



## JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FOCUSED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

The whole family is invited to Vacation Bible School July 15-18 from 5-7PM. We will start with dinner for the whole family. Then have devotion time, games, and crafts for the whole family! Please join us for a fun filled week!!

Dinner @ 5pm, Bible Stories, Crafts, Games,  
Ages 3-103!!

Check out our Event Page linked to our St. Paul School Facebook page! Follow our event page for updates and info!

**PLEASE RSVP** -Call 989-871-4581 \*or\* turn this form in to the church or school office.

\_\_\_\_ Yes! We will be there!

There are \_\_\_\_ in our family.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Vacation Bible School Menu Needs*

We are asking for donations from the list below to help with our meals. Any amount will be helpful – you don't have to bring the full amount of an item.

Please call and let us know what you will be providing. Boxed or canned items can be brought in any time. Fresh or refrigerated items can be brought in on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your donations.

- Hot Dogs – 50
- Hot Dog Buns – 50
- Chips – 7 bags
- Hamburger Buns – 50
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti Noodles – 50 servings
- Spaghetti Sauce – 50 servings
- Frozen Garlic Bread – 50 servings
- Salad Items – Lettuce, Shredded Carrots, Tomatoes, Croutons, Salad Dressings, Shredded Cheese
- Celery – 2 bags
- Carrots – 4 bags
- Cucumbers – 5
- Watermelon – 2
- Grapes – 5 bags
- Any other fruit

# Bookkeeper's Corner / Office News

## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills, Director of Finance

Questions during the Voter's Assembly always make for good articles. The June assembly was no exception. The questions asked pertained to school tuition.

Over the summer we'll be accepting enrollment applications for PS – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Here are the tuition fees for the 2019/2020 school year:

- a) Preschool – 3 yr old - \$675
- b) Preschool – 4 yr old - \$975
- c) K-8 has graduated tuition scales:  
Member: first child: \$1,250  
Member: second child: \$1,000  
Member: third child\*: \$750

Non-Member: first child: \$2,500  
Non-Member: second child: \$2,250  
Non-Member: third child\*: \$2,000

\*Tuition is capped at the third child

The preschool tuition was raised for the next school year with the intent of gaining a part-time preschool teacher. The raise in tuition is intended to help off-set the added wage/tax expense of a second teacher. You may recall last year we had two full sessions of 3 year olds and two full sessions of 4 year olds; we anticipate the same this year.

Remember that 100% of school tuition goes directly into the general fund to help offset school staff wages, benefits, and employer taxes. Our total wages, benefits and tax budget for the year is \$795,875: the school portion is \$539,654 or 68% of the total budget.

Another question received is "what accounts have less than \$500 and need funding"? Here are the accounts that are NOT part of the general fund and rely on individual contributions to keep them going:

- Christian Care
- Brass/Instruments
- Fellowship
- City Rescue

## **Needed**

**Janitor Sub** – The hours would be about 3-8PM as needed. Call Bill Weber if questions or if interested.

**His Little Lambs** is in need of a **part time lead teacher**. Hours/Days: Less than 20 hours, various days, fill in when regular staff is off. Qualifications: 19 years of age, CDA, Associates or higher degree in Early Childhood or related field. Any questions? Want to fill out an application? Come see us in the Childcare room or call 989-871-4581 ext. 5 and ask for Christina.

## **\*\*Church Records\*\***

The church has begun its overhaul of the database and needs your help. Each member of this congregation (and many non- members as related to the member) has a record in the church office. The records contain not only simple demographic information, but information that cannot be found anywhere else: dates such as baptism, confirmation, wedding, transfer in, transfer out, etc.

The records are stored **for your lifetime** as long as you remain a member of this congregation. Your record is the single source document the pastors use for visits, hospital calls, church directory, and most importantly – funerals.

The new electronic records database is called **Shelby Membership** and every single person in the congregation has an account that can be accessed via computer or mobile app. You just need to request access. How to request access? Please fill out a database form and return to the church office or the box in the narthex as soon as you can. The form can be found in the church office and the narthex. Even if you do not wish to access your account, we still need the form filled out.

Shelby Membership will also become our single source for the church and school all-call. **We are building brand new all-call lists and you must request placement on the lists.** If you're on the current all-call lists, you will **not** automatically be placed on the new list. You must request access via the same form as the database form. If we do not receive your request to be placed on the new all-call list, you will not receive any calls.

Questions? Please call the church office or e-mail [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org).

## **NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURES**

The church and school offices will be closed for normal business from **July 9 through July 19, 2019.**

Each year the staff needs time to clean, reorganize, and prepare for the next school year. July seems to be the best time as the least amount of activity is occurring on the campus. Two weeks may seem like a long time, but the tasks to be accomplished are enormous: painting, outside work, office file purges, shredding, burning, organizing files, washing/waxing floors, washing windows, carpet cleaning, washing down of pews, desks and chairs...well, you get the picture. The more hands involved will shorten the workload. If you want our church and school to look beautiful and operate at peak efficiency, you need to help.

Closing the church and school does NOT mean we lock the doors and forbid anyone to come in. Worship services will still commence. The pastors are still available. The church office needs to produce weekly bulletins and scheduled meetings that cannot be deferred will be held. If you have business that cannot wait and must be handled during this time, then please come in and we'll find someone to help you. We might have to find someone on a paint ladder or outside in a garden, but we'll do our best.

# Youth Events / LEAP / Area News

## LEAP News Nugget

Together, the member schools and churches of our LEAP Alliance are seeking to "Advance Christ-Centered Education through Collaboration." Among various efforts are those being made by one particular LEAP committee which is searching out growth opportunities for the present principals of our Lutheran schools. The committee has hopes, also, of connecting present Lutheran school teachers to mentoring programs, potentially helping them to advance toward one day becoming strong school principals of Lutheran schools.

### Youth Event

#### Mark Your Calendars!



**Loons Game**  
**All Youth and their families  
are invited!**

Thurs., Aug. 1st  
Game starts at 7:05PM.

\$1 Family Feast Night  
Enjoy hot dogs, chips, drinks, and  
ice cream sandwiches for \$1 each!

It's also House Divided Night -  
Wear your favorite State or U of M clothing.

Return this form with payment to the Church Office  
by Fri., July 5th to reserve your Lawn Seat for \$7.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Hats: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

### Area News

**VLHS Hard Hat Tours** - Lots of excitement at Valley Lutheran! You are invited to stop by Valley Lutheran on Thursday, June 27th between 3-5pm to see the progress of the GROWING Campaign's building project. This informal "open house" style event, will take place in the parking lot (look for the Valley Tent). Depending on construction status for the day, you can take a guided tour around the building. Don't worry, Hard hats provided!

**Bethlehem Lutheran School** is currently seeking an elementary teacher to join our team beginning the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants should hold a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a valid MI teaching license. Come join our team of dedicated staff members teaching children BOTH academics and the love of Christ! To apply for this position, please submit a resume and credentials, cover letter, and three letters of recommendation to Nicole Frederick at [nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org](mailto:nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org).

**CAMP HOPE**, A Grief Camp for Children ages 6 – 17 years old sponsored by Wellspring Lutheran Services - Hospice on August 14, 15 and 16, 2019. This 2 night, 3 day camp is FREE to children who have experienced the death of someone close to them. If you would like an application to camp please call Jane Olivier at (989) 652-4663 or at [www.wellspringlutheran.com](http://www.wellspringlutheran.com).

**LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK.**

**EVERY DAY IS A NEW PAGE.**

**EVERY MONTH IS A NEW CHAPTER.**

**EVERY YEAR IS A NEW SERIES.**

# Mark Your Calendar for the Annual

## \*\*\*Free Carwash!!\*\*\*

### August 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-5PM

This is a fundraiser to help support the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth groups!



#### How It Works

Pledges are made (usually about 5-25 cents per car) before the car wash. Just fill out the form on the back of this page and bring to the church office or put in the offering plate. We will wash as many cars as possible, **FOR FREE**, on August 18<sup>th</sup>. This is both a wonderful outreach to our community (Who doesn't love something for free?) and a great way to support the work of our youth group.

#### How You Can Help

There are two ways that you can help make this event a success.

1. Sign up to be a pledge donor. This will be a small amount (generally between 5-25 cents) that you are willing to give per car that we wash on the 18<sup>th</sup>. For example, if you offered to donate 25 cents per car, and we are able to wash 100 cars, your total gift would be \$25. If you pledge 10 cents a car, and we wash the 100 cars, your donation would be \$10. **\*\*Last year, we washed 145 cars!\*\*** Please fill out the pledge sheet on the back of this page and return to the church office by August 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Whether you are a pledge donor or not, **PLEASE bring all your cars** up to be washed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Tell everyone you know to bring their vehicles up for a **FREE** wash. When we say free, we mean it, and donations **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** the day of. This is important, so that you and those in our community that participate do not feel guilty into giving at what we are advertising as FREE.



#### **Car Wash Pledge Sheet**

If you are interested in being a pledge donor for the car wash, please fill out this form and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Pledged per Car: \_\_\_\_\_

Below is a chart to help you with your pledge. Last year, we washed 145 cars. This gives you an idea of what to pledge.

<u>Pledge</u>	<u>75 Cars</u>	<u>100 Cars</u>	<u>125 Cars</u>	<u>150 Cars</u>
<b><u>\$0.05</u></b>	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$6.25	\$7.50
<b><u>\$0.10</u></b>	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
<b><u>\$0.15</u></b>	\$11.25	\$15.00	\$18.75	\$22.50
<b><u>\$0.20</u></b>	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
<b><u>\$0.25</u></b>	\$18.75	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$37.50

After the car wash, we will send you a letter with your gift amount (which is also your receipt for charitable giving) with a pre-addressed envelope. Simply drop it in the mail, along with a check for the pledged amount made to St. Paul.

**Thank you in advance** for your support of our Youth Groups. The funds raised will support mission trips, national and local youth gatherings, and other youth events!!

# Memorials / Financial Info. / Daily Lectionary

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Roxanne Daenzer	
General Fund	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$60.00
In Memory of Emma (Engelhart) Belajack	
Memorials Undesignated	\$170.00
In Memory of Donna Reinert	
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 05/31/19: \$545,889.30  
 Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022  
 May 2019 Mortgage Payment: \$14,135.00  
 \* Principal \$13,069.83 \* Interest \$ 1,065.17  
 Amount received to pay mortgage: \$17,977.50  
 Amount added to contingency fund: \$ 3,842.50  
 Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$14,889.01

## May 2019 Income & Expense Summary

May 2019 Income & Expense Summary  
 May General Fund Income: \$94,601.78  
 May General Fund Expenses: \$(93,225.00)  
 May Surplus \$1,376.78  
 Year to date: Deficit \$(41,877.66)  
 Overall: Surplus \$11,586.34

## Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance: \$138,081.96  
 Church Designated Accounts balance\*\*: \$65,132.39  
 All Memorials balance: \$22,114.44  
 General Fund Checking Balance: \$11,586.34  
 \*\*Includes Sacrificial Giving Campaign



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Daily Lectionary July 2019</b>	<b>1</b> Joshua 6:6-27 Acts 10:18-33	<b>2</b> Joshua 7:1-26 Acts 10:34-48	<b>3</b> Joshua 8:1-28 Acts 11:1-18	<b>4</b> Joshua 10:1-25 Acts 11:19-30	<b>5</b> Joshua 23:1-16 Acts 12:1-25	<b>6</b> Joshua 24:1-31 Acts 13:1-12
<b>7</b> Judg. 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41	<b>8</b> Judg. 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52	<b>9</b> Judg. 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18	<b>10</b> Judg. 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5	<b>11</b> Judg. 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21	<b>12</b> Judg. 7:1-23 Gal. 1:1-24	<b>13</b> Judg. 13:1-25 Gal. 2:1-21
<b>14</b> Judg. 14:1-20 Gal. 3:1-22	<b>15</b> Judg. 15:1-16:3 Gal. 3:23-4:11	<b>16</b> Judg. 16:4-30 Gal. 4:12-31	<b>17</b> 1 Sam. 1:1-20 Gal. 5:1-26	<b>18</b> 1 Sam. 1:21-2:17 Gal. 6:1-18	<b>19</b> 1 Sam. 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41	<b>20</b> 1 Sam. 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22
<b>21</b> 1 Sam. 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40	<b>22</b> 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28	<b>23</b> 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:1-22	<b>24</b> 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36	<b>25</b> 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16	<b>26</b> 1 Sam. 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29	<b>27</b> 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11
<b>28</b> 1 Sam. 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35	<b>29</b> 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9 Acts 24:1-23	<b>30</b> 1 Sam. 15:10-35 Acts 24:24-25:12	<b>31</b> 1 Sam. 16:1-23 Acts 25:13-27			

## Opportunities / Thank You

### Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

**Drivers are needed** to pick someone up at the Fresenius Kidney Care in Caro on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:30AM. If you are able to help on any of those days, or just as a backup, please call Terri Jo in the school office.

We are still collecting the following for **Health Kits**: 9 toothpaste, 11 shampoo, 4 deodorant.

For the last four years my sister and I have chaired the **fish booth** during the summer festival. This is one of PTL's largest fundraisers; however, our growing families require more of our time. We love this fundraiser and would love to see it continue, but we are no longer able to chair it. We will see it through this year since we have already committed. We ask you to think it over and consider taking it over next year, 2020. If you have an interest, please contact us and we would love to show you the ropes this year. Monica Koeltzow

Our next **Rescue Mission** date is July 13th 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., July 12th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.



**Painting Update** – We will start painting the church hallways beginning **Mon., July 8<sup>th</sup>**. Any help would be appreciated. Please call the church office if you can join us for a couple hours or so.

**Would you 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 is in need of ongoing funds. If you are able to help financially to continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please prayerfully follow God's "nudging" by contacting 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 **Dorcas Bake Sale** during Millington Summer Festival, will be Fri., Aug., 9th. We will start setting up at 8AM near the Millington Insurance building. Donations of the following items would be appreciated. Butterhorns, cookies, brownies, noodles, cakes, pies and cinnamon rolls. Thank you ahead of time for your baking.

### Thank You!

**Thank you** to everyone involved in the selection process for this year's Don Haines Memorial Scholarship. Being selected as this year's Valley Lutheran High School recipient is an honor. Thank you again, Danielle Ayotte and family.

**Thank you** for the donation of items for this year's Jr. Youth Gathering.

The Valley Lutheran students and their families would like to **thank** everyone who supported them with prayers and donations this year. We are blessed to have a great Lutheran high school that we can attend and thankful for people like you who support us! Thanks again – we appreciate you!

**Thank you so much** to all in our church family who have been praying for our grandson, Braeden, while he was in the hospital. They have helped immensely and he is now home and recovering.  
–Jon & Fran Carnet

**Many thanks** to Heather & Alex Sergent and Karen Dumler for planting the flowers by the church. Also, thanks to Jan & Shirley Snyder for the many hours of yard work around the campus. You all are appreciated, and we thank you for keeping St. Paul looking great!

My heartfelt **thanks** to Teresa Walter and the first-graders for the wonderful visit and their singing for me. I also loved their story-telling - just made my day! My thanks to the parents also, for their help! What an enjoyable day. My thanks again for all your thoughtfulness. It is so appreciated!  
In Christian Love and God's Blessings,  
Violet Hornfeld





# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30p Social Concerns 6p Karate 6p Painting 6p Youth Team 6:30p Stewardship 7:30p AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8a Men's Bible Study 7p Worship
<b>7</b> 9a Bible Study 10a Worship+ C	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10a City Rescue Mission 7p Worship + C
	7p Stephen Ministry	6p Karate 6p Painting 7:30p AA	6:30p Council	6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Committee	1:30p City Rescue Preparation	
	Church and School offices closed for normal business					
<b>14</b> 9a Bible Study 10a Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7p Worship
	10a Kids Arts & Crafts Camp 5p Vacation Bible School	10a Kids Arts & Crafts Camp 5p Vacation Bible School 6p Karate 6p Painting 7:30p AA	10a Kids Arts & Crafts Camp 5p Vacation Bible School	10a Kids Arts & Crafts Camp 5p Vacation Bible School 6:15p Praise Team		
<b>21</b> 9a Bible Study 10a Worship Contemporary + C	<b>22</b> 7p Stephen Ministry	<b>23</b> 6p Karate 6p Painting 7:30p AA	<b>24</b> 7:30p Elders	<b>25</b> 6:15p Praise Team	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7p Worship + C
<b>28</b> 9a Bible Study 10a Worship Contemporary	<b>29</b> 6p Karate 6p Painting 7:30p AA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

July				
Acolytes	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28
7PM	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein
10AM	Ryan Keinath	Luke Petzold	Peyton Schmandt	Tyler Rude
Screen Tech				
7PM	Weston Reinig	Kailee Fackler		Mason Lugg
10AM	Carly Trinklein	Singers	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent
10AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler
10AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine

### Ushers

10AM Service  
July 7th & 14th

Captain – Glen Brown  
Gale Brown  
Armand Carmona  
Fay Carmona  
Mike Kern  
Ron Schiefer  
Gary Wagner  
Bob Wager  
Bill Weber  
Duane Weber  
Katherine Weber  
Ed White

### Ushers

10AM Service  
July 21st & 28th

Captain – Tim Daenzer  
Assistant – Tim Brown  
Danielle Ayotte  
Matt Ayotte  
Paige Ayotte  
Abby Brown  
Corey Daenzer  
Jason Ketels  
Aryln Marks  
Rod Wilson

### Ushers

7:00PM Service  
Captain – Jeff Yorke  
Chad Fackler  
Marc Keinath

### Church Sextons

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

### Communion Set-Up

7PM - Amy Yorke  
Summer - 10AM - Angie Zeck

*“Volunteers do not necessarily  
have the time;  
they just have the heart.”*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 26-27 | READINGS 76-81

June 30-July 13

## 76. THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE—Luke 2:39-52

WEEK 26 | June 30-July 6

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What did Jesus and His parents do in Jerusalem?
- ◆ In verse 51, Luke tells us that Jesus was “submissive” to his parents. But Jesus is God’s Son! Why was it important for Jesus to be submissive, listen, and obey his parents?

## 77. JOHN PREPARES THE WAY—Mark 1:1-8

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What kind of job do you want to have when you grow up? Or, what is your dream job?
- ◆ John baptizes with water, what did Jesus baptize with? In our own baptism, what are we baptized with?

*Prayer: Lord God, thank You for sending John to prepare the way for Jesus. Open my ears to listen to his message and prepare me for Jesus’ coming, that I may talk to others about their Savior so they’ll be ready for His coming too. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

## 78. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS—Matthew 3:13-17

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why did John baptize Jesus? (One reason is to affirm Jesus’ identity with sinners and to provide them with perfect righteousness.)
- ◆ What is so special about being baptized?

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be baptized and making me Your own child when You baptized me. By Your Holy Spirit within me, remind me, that when I sin, to turn to You in repentance and faith for forgiveness. Jesus’ name. Amen.*

## 79. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS—Mathew 4:1-11

WEEK 27 | July 7-13

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations of Satan? (Hint: What did Jesus quote from?)
- ◆ How might God’s Word help us when we are tempted to sin?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, the power of Your Word chases away temptation. Keep us strongly tied to Your Word and keep us safe in Your presence. Amen.*

## 80. JESUS CALLS DISCIPLES—Luke 5:1-11

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ If you could go on an adventure, where would you want to go? Who would you go with?
- ◆ Why did the disciples leave everything behind to follow Jesus?

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, You called the disciples to follow, and they did. Keep our ears and our hearts attentive to Your Word as You have called us in our baptism. Teach us always to follow You. Amen.*

## 81. JESUS CHANGES WATER INTO WINE—John 2:1-12

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why did Jesus do miracles? (Hint: What was Jesus revealing by doing miracles?)
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus produced so many gallons of wine that was better than the good wine they first served at the wedding?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, Your miracles show us Your power and reign in this world. Remind us that You care about everything in our lives—no matter how big or how small. Amen.*



# BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 28-29 | READINGS 82-87

July 14-27

## 82. JESUS TEACHES NICODEMUS—John 3:1-21

WEEK 28 | July 14-20

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ According to Jesus, how are we “born again”? (Hint: Look at verse 5.)
- ◆ John 3:16 is often called “The Gospel in a Nutshell”. Why? How do verses 17 through 21 effect how you read John 3:16?

## 83. JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN—John 4:1-45

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ When the Samaritan woman found out who Jesus was, what was her first reaction?
- ◆ Think of 3 people you know who need the forgiveness of sins offered to them in Jesus. Pray for them by name and ask God to give you an opportunity to invite them to a worship service with you.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, there are people around me who need Your mercy and grace. Give me an opportunity to make a difference in their lives with Your love. Give me the strength of faith to carry through. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

## 84. JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH—Luke 4:16-30

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Re-read the words Jesus spoke from the prophet Isaiah (verses 18-19). How did Jesus fulfill these words in His ministry?
- ◆ Some hearing Jesus were upset that He was including Gentiles (non-Jews) in God’s salvation plan. Who might be some people groups (ethnicities, nationalities, religions, etc.) we might think are outside of God’s salvation plan today? How might we pray?

*Prayer: Lord, the entire world needs Your mercy and forgiveness. Please let Your light and forgiveness shine over all those in our community, our state, our nation, and the world. Continue to teach us how all people are included in God’s salvation plan. Amen.*

## 85. JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN—Mark 2:1-12

WEEK 29 | July 21-27

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ Why did Jesus make a point of publicly forgiving the paralyzed man’s sins?
- ◆ What do you think people thought when they saw this paralyzed man walk out fully healed after talking to Jesus?

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, I believe Your Word. I have faith in the forgiveness of sins You won for me on the cross. Keep my eyes fixed on Your promises. Amen.*

## 86. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT—Matthew 5-7

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ As Jesus’ lights, what did He command us to do? How can we do that among our family, friends, and neighbors?
- ◆ Jesus also tells us to “love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us”. Think about someone you’re in conflict with. How can you pray for them?

*Prayer: God we build our lives on Your mercy. Shine the light of Your love through us that others may know of Your grace. Amen.*

## 87. JESUS CALMS A STORM—Mark 4:35-41

Completed

*Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:*

- ◆ What are some things which cause you to be afraid?
- ◆ When the disciples were afraid of the storm, what did Jesus say to change their situation? What did Jesus ultimately do on the cross to change our situation?

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, even the wind and the rain obey You. Give us faith to trust in You boldly, knowing that You are in complete control and will always have our backs. Amen.*

## *July Birthday Celebrations*

Sherry Ill	07/01	Laura Simon	07/12	Degrick Koch	07/24
Dwight Keinath	07/01	Jeffery Sutton	07/12	Tamara Simmons	07/24
Aeryn Pattinson-	07/01	Kristie White	07/12	Justin Steepe	07/24
Mark Wolfer	07/01	Hannah Badgley	07/13	Kristie McCurdy	07/25
Robert Ames	07/02	Lydia Bruner	07/13	Tyler Reyna	07/25
Suzanne Bleuer	07/02	Brittney Cartner	07/13	Larry Stevens	07/25
David Edler	07/02	Benjamin Graham	07/13	David Walz	07/25
Joyce Koch	07/02	Gabrielle Sherman	07/13	Eileen Ziegler	07/25
Katherine Rohn	07/02	Kathryn Snyder	07/13	Fred Erlenbeck	07/26
Sandy Weber	07/02	Andrew Jaruzel	07/14	Ronald Johnson	07/26
Lynnzee Burns	07/03	Patricia Petzold	07/14	Cindy Kralik	07/26
Jerrie Daniel	07/03	Aurianna Rogers	07/14	Frederick List	07/26
Dianne Scarborough	07/03	Keith Woolwine	07/14	Nicholas Maschke	07/26
Erica Cunningham	07/04	Daryl Benish	07/15	Jeffrey Platt	07/26
Jayson Mays	07/04	Megan Butterfield	07/15	Lola Wendt	07/26
Kent Singer	07/04	Erin Thompson	07/15	Blake Ferrier	07/27
Barbara Smith	07/04	Connie Titsworth	07/15	Michael Hibbard	07/27
Raymond Coon	07/05	Erik Torrey	07/15	Dusty Higgins	07/27
Danielle Ayotte	07/06	Cassandra Wood	07/15	Isabel Ketels	07/27
Paige Ayotte	07/06	Kelly Ames	07/16	Aaron Knoll	07/27
Dick Kolaja	07/06	Robin Pease	07/16	Donna Osborn	07/27
Les Maxson	07/06	Dwight Rodammer	07/16	Dean Rohn	07/27
David Rush	07/06	Patricia Saeger	07/16	Diane Sebert	07/27
Aaron Singer	07/06	Fatima Compaore	07/17	Kolton Woolwine	07/27
Tim Singer	07/06	Scott Heike	07/17	Jane Albrecht	07/28
Morgan Aulbert	07/07	Mark Romain	07/17	Mikayla Brow	07/28
Justin Binder	07/07	Dennis Shaffer	07/17	David Daenzer	07/28
Richard Myers	07/07	Amanda Turner	07/17	Paula Kukulski	07/28
Virginia Osborn	07/07	Ben Daenzer	07/18	Alicia Leach	07/28
Heather Sergent	07/07	Erik DuRussel	07/18	Christy Ostrander	07/28
Joseph Shufelt	07/07	Deklan Hager	07/18	David Russell	07/28
Mark Paquette	07/08	Neil Hecht	07/18	Rebecca Dalton	07/29
Karen B. Petzold	07/08	Susan Kelly	07/18	Anthony DeOrnellas	07/29
Kirk Piar	07/08	Renae Roth	07/18	Mike Kern	07/29
Ethan Casto	07/09	Alexis Alberts	07/19	Katelinn Koeltzow	07/29
Renee Hecht	07/09	Brian Bentley	07/19	Larry Petzold	07/29
Jenelle Keinath	07/09	Morgan Rader	07/19	Philip Petzold	07/29
Amy Kennard	07/09	Nathan Staple	07/19	Glen Reinert	07/29
Ashley O'Dell	07/09	Sally Wolfer	07/19	Amy Yorke	07/29
Darwin Reinert	07/09	Brianna Burns	07/20	Elizabeth Zeck	07/29
Erna Reinert	07/09	David Carsten	07/20	Ryan Ames	07/30
Bradley Wilson	07/09	Kevin Clouse	07/20	Bethany Daenzer	07/30
Bud Zeck	07/09	Velva Cobanovich	07/20	Sierra Goodhue	07/30
Kenneth Jensen	07/10	Abraham Higgins	07/20	Hans Schmandt	07/30
Aaron Keinath	07/10	Isaac Koch	07/21	Sherry Sebert	07/30
Brian Meier	07/10	Kaylie Orwick	07/21	Bonnie Wittum	07/30
Margaret Mullin	07/10	Laura Sherman	07/21	Randy Wolverton	07/30
Dennis Rodammer	07/10	Jessica Allen	07/22	Trevor Beagle	07/31
Nancy Wilson	07/10	Linda Henderson	07/22	Russell, Jr. Hayden	07/31
Dale Higgins	07/11	Larry Keinath	07/22	Braxton Long	07/31
Muriel Mohr	07/11	Addison Ley	07/22	Shane Reinig	07/31
Karen Petzold	07/11	Shirley Ann Petzold	07/22	Constance Wells	07/31
Makenna Stratton	07/11	Chaise Wilson	07/22		
Caden Wilson	07/11	Hunter Wirsing	07/22		
Logan Adamic	07/12	Lindsey Anderson	07/23		
Bridgette Bodeis	07/12	Dayna Snyder	07/23		
Christopher Guelette	07/12	Brianna Weber	07/23		
Shirley A. Petzold	07/12	Ryan Woodward	07/23		
Scott Reinig	07/12	Michele Alberts	07/24		





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# Monthly Messenger

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Be the sunshine!*

