



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

July 2023

"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 9:30AM

(Sun. also live-streamed)

Bible Study/Sunday School

10:45AM

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.... 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. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love you neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:1, 13-14 ESV)

July is a month often focused on fun and freedom for us. Lest we forget, we should remember how our freedom was obtained.

In 1776, a declaration of freedom was written and signed by many; and the United States of America was born. From the Revolutionary War until today, the freedom we have was purchased by the blood of many. We ought to reflect upon this freedom and use it wisely.

As Christians, a declaration of freedom was spoken by Christ from the cross. Imprisoned in our sins, Christ dies in our place in order to obtain our freedom. Signed with His blood, Christ declared our independence. He purchased and won us from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil with His blood. We are to reflect upon this freedom and use it wisely.

Martin Luther said, "A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone." This means, in Christ, we are free, but we are to use our Christ-bought freedom to love and serve our neighbor. As Paul writes in Galatians, "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Here at St. Paul, our theme is **Equip. Build. Grow. Together.** based on Ephesians 4:11-16. Christ equips you, as a free brother or sister, to carry out acts of service, "which God prepared beforehand, that [you] should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10) Simply using our freedom as Americans to read the Bible, study it, and worship every chance we get is wise and God-pleasing. It will build you up as well as equip you all at the same time. The more we do these things, the more obvious it will be to us to love and serve our neighbors in Christ's name.

This July, celebrate our freedoms: both as Americans, and most especially as Christians. Tell those you know about true freedom in Christ, for many are still imprisoned by sin. The Lord wants all to be saved and freed in Christ. For on the Last Day, when Christ returns, our eternal freedom will be fully realized. And we will live in true freedom forever.

Have fun this July. Enjoy your freedom. Always remember, we are eternally free in Christ alone!

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal



The July Messenger is sponsored in memory of the 90th birthday of Robert Petzold on July 27th, from his family.

Worship Times / Scripture / Upcoming Events

Summer Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 9:30AM
Bible Study Sundays at 10:45AM
Communion 1st & 3rd Saturdays
2nd & 4th Sundays

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

Scripture Readings

July 2nd

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 7:1-13
Matthew 10:34-42

July 23rd

Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 9th

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:14-25a
Matthew 11:25-30

July 30th

Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52

July 16th

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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.



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

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@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.

Upcoming Events

Zumba

Zumba Saturdays at 10AM in the Activity Center.
\$1 at the door!

Men's Bible Study

Sat., July 1st at 8AM in the Library.

Activity Center Floor

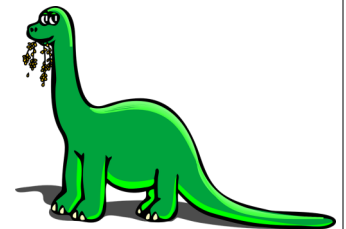
The Activity Center Floor is off limits July 10th-23rd while it is being refinished. Please do not use the Activity Center during this time.

The hallway outside the library will also be unavailable during this time while it is being refinished.

Stompers & Chompers Vacation Bible School

July 10-13
5-7PM

Dinner Included!



Come explore the world before the Flood! Meet some fun-loving dinosaurs, hang out in lush jungle environments, and have some dino-sized experiences. Students will learn ageless truths from the faith and failures of some of the first people of the Bible. They will discover how they can, by faith, follow God's big plan for them today. Registration sheets are in the offices.

Meetings

Stephen Ministry

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

Board of Education

Tues., July 11th at 6PM in the School Office

Elders

Wed., July 26th at 7PM in the Gathering Room



Mark Your Calendars for a ***Free Carwash!!***



August 20th from 10:30AM-2PM

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

How It Works

The youth are asking for pledges (usually about 5-25 cents per car) before the car wash – just fill out the pledge sheet and bring to the church office or put in the offering box. We will wash as many cars as possible, **FOR FREE**, on August 20th. 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 20th. 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. Please fill out the pledge sheet on the back of this page and return to the church office.
2. Whether you are a pledge donor or not, PLEASE bring all your cars up to be washed on August 20th. 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 box in the narthex or return to the church office by August 20th.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Pledged: _____

Below is a chart to help you with your pledge.

The last car wash we had, we washed 145 cars in 6 hours. This year we are washing cars for 3 1/2 hours.

<u>Pledge</u>	<u>50 Cars</u>	<u>75 Cars</u>	<u>100 Cars</u>	<u>125 Cars</u>	<u>150 Cars</u>
<u>\$0.05</u>	\$2.50	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$6.25	\$7.50
<u>\$0.10</u>	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
<u>\$0.15</u>	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$15.00	\$18.75	\$22.50
<u>\$0.20</u>	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
<u>\$0.25</u>	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$37.50

After August 20th, 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 or offering box, 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!!

Letter from the Stewardship Committee

HOW MANY PLACES ARE CLOSE TO YOUR HEART?

For over 100 years God has provided St. Paul Lutheran Church and School with a special place to come together as a family.

Our family worked together in many areas, and when needed came together to provide appropriate facilities to serve as our church and school.

For many years now, our family has focused on improvements and additions to the school, and now we have a wonderful school campus.

Our church structure is now over 50 years old. This is our family home, where we come to marry, to be baptized, eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The place where we celebrate life's milestones, and because of our saving Lord we can even celebrate the death of a family member.

Our church structure is now in need of vital repairs. These repairs are due to over 50 years of family use, weather and other factors. Our family's handymen (our Board of Trustees) have done a great deal of background work evaluating what might need attention. To be sure nothing was being missed, an independent firm was hired to evaluate the building's needs. The result of this study is a detailed list of items needing repair. Some items need to be done now. Some items can wait a short time, but will need to be done. Others we can actually do ourselves.

All items were placed into one of five categories: critical, important, necessary, maintenance and additional. The estimated expense to do all five categories is \$1,002,717. Since some items can wait and some can be done ourselves, the Voters' Assembly, at their June 14, 2023 meeting, decided to proceed with items in the critical, important and necessary categories. The total expense for these areas is estimated at \$653,000.

The plan is to take a loan from Church Extension Fund for the needed funds and to spread the payments out over 25 years. The hope would be that our family can pay this off well before the 25 years. This 25-year payment plan would result in a monthly payment of about \$3,500.

Will the family support this plan? There really is only one way to find out, and that is to ask. The month of September will be one filled with information found online, in mailings and during worship. During the week of September 18th, your family will receive a card on which you can indicate how much your family will provide to support this project. On the weekend of September 30th/October 1st, your family will have the opportunity to deliver your support cards during the church services.

Once the level of support is verified, the final decision can be made on which repairs to proceed with and also on the size of a needed loan.

More detail into the needed work is now available at the congregation's website. Click on "more," then at the bottom, click "sanctuary repairs." Much more information will be coming your way. As a family let us join in prayer and praise regarding this project.

All funds for this project will be given through our family's new fund, the ***Facilities and Properties Improvements Fund***. Any money designated to this fund between now and September will lower the amount of loan needed. To give to this fund, special envelopes are available in the narthex. Donations can also be made online or you may use a plain envelope marked *Facilities and Properties Improvements Fund*.

With God's Blessing,

St. Paul Stewardship Committee

Unscramble These Fruits Of The Spirit

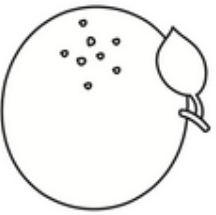
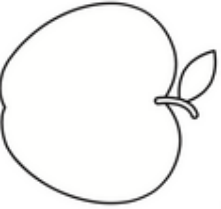
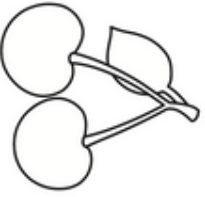
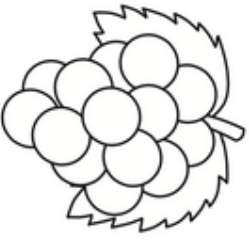
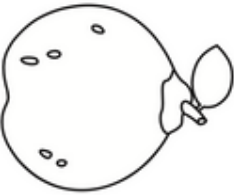
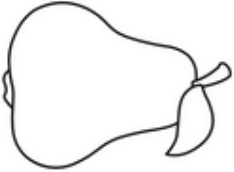
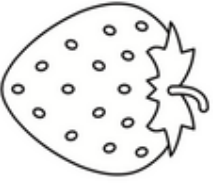
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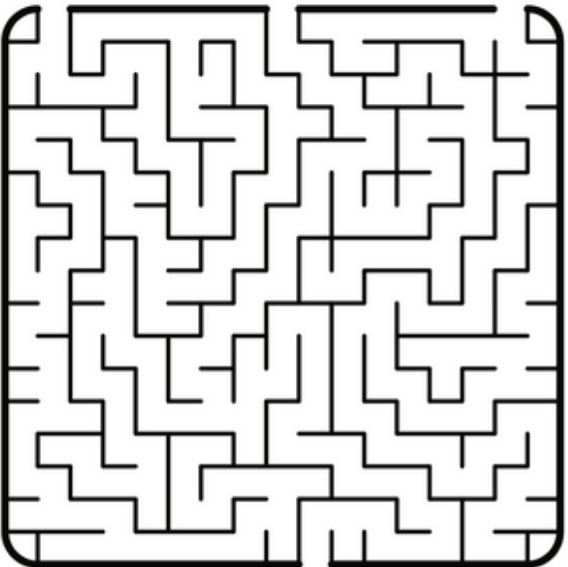
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Help All 3 Fruits Make It To The Basket



Can You Find The Names Of All Of These Fruits?

Y	H	D	Z	S	B	N	M	Q	R
P	L	U	M	T	L	I	P	W	S
A	E	H	G	R	A	P	E	O	X
B	M	Y	W	A	K	D	A	R	T
J	O	Z	Q	W	U	H	R	A	L
P	N	V	K	B	A	N	A	N	A
E	I	T	D	E	S	O	L	G	P
A	F	R	C	R	G	W	B	E	P
C	H	E	R	R	Y	I	Q	K	L
H	Z	P	U	Y	N	C	J	Y	E

Daily Lectionary / Thanks / Financial Summary / Memorials

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

May 2023 Income & Expense Summary	
May General Fund Income:	\$79,679.09
May General Fund Expenses:	\$119,742.13
May surplus (deficit)	\$ (40,063.04)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$ (79,752.95)
Gen Fund Balance	\$382,417.45

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**	
School Designated Accounts balance:	\$147,817.14
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$102,986.68
All Memorials balance:	\$20,174.44
** This money is RESTRICTED***	\$270,978.26

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Contributions to Grantparent Fund May	\$630.05
Contributions to Facility/Prop. Impr. Fund	\$1,581.00

Memorials & Special Gifts	
In Memory of Linda Rohde	
General Fund	\$65.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$75.00
In Honor of Eunice Peche's 90th Birthday	
School Fund	\$90.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$25.00



On behalf of our family, **thank you** for your hard work in creating the Elaine Bickel Memorial Garden to honor our wife and mom. When we saw the new entrance to the preschool we instantly heard Jesus' words, "Let the little children come onto me." As we reflected on her ministry at St. Paul, we cannot help but ponder everything that St. Paul has done for our family and appreciate all of the love and kindness. In appreciation, Jim, Carol & Bill.

Thank you to our wonderful congregation for the donations for the Junior High Youth Gathering. Your kindness and generosity are so appreciated.

Dear Family and Friends,
 This past year has been so full of love, joy, and excitement! We are so blessed to have you all in our lives and can't thank you enough for the many thoughts, prayers, and gifts we have received. Our wedding shower, wedding, baby shower, and birth of our sweet Lottie will be cherished memories forever. You are all gifts from God and we thank Him for you. **Thank you** all for being a part of this crazy, beautiful chapter of our life together. Love Always, Brendan & Bethany Krueger



July Birthdays - Happy Birthday!!

Sherry	ILL	1	Gabrielle	Sherman	13	Justin	Steepe	24
Dwight	Keinath	1	Lydia	Bruner	13	Eileen	Ziegler	25
Grace	Hibner	1	Brittney	Cartner	13	Larry	Stevens	25
Maureen	Sowden	1	Madalynn	Paquette	13	Cheyene	Pashby	25
Sandy	Weber	2	Kathryn	Snyder	13	Coy	Thomason	25
Qwill	Schmandt	2	Keith	Woolwine	14	Mellonie	Dues	25
Suzanne	Bleuer	2	Patricia	Petzold	14	Fred	Erlenbeck	26
David	Edler	2	Andrew	Jaruzel	14	Ronald	Johnson	26
Wendy	Edler	2	Aurianna	Rogers	14	Frederick	List	26
Ashley	Wolverton	2	Kimberly	Peche	14	Jeffrey	Platt	26
Lynnzee	Burns	3	Daryl	Benish	15	Lola	Wendt	26
Kent	Singer	4	Megan	Butterfield	15	Seth	Holmes	26
Barbara	Smith	4	Erin	Thompson	15	Cindy	Kralik	26
Erica	Cunningham	4	Connie	Titsworth	15	Nicholas	Maschke	26
Jayson	Mays	4	Erik	Torrey	15	Dusty	Higgins	27
Madison	Hoard	5	Dwight	Rodammer	16	Isabel	Mose	27
Dani	Ayotte	6	Pat	Saeger	16	Dean	Rohn	27
Paige	Ayotte	6	Brooke	Shaffer	16	Diane	Sebert	27
Dick	Kolaja	6	Mark	Romain	17	Blake	Ferrier	27
Les	Maxson	6	Scott	Heike	17	Michael	Hibbard	27
Aaron	Singer	6	Dennis	Shaffer	17	Aaron	Knoll	27
Tim	Singer	6	Ben	Daenzer	18	Donna	Osborn	27
Richard	Myers	7	Deklan	Hager	18	Kolton	Woolwine	27
Virginia	Osborn	7	Neil	Hecht	18	Paula	Kukulski	28
Heather	Sergent	7	Renae	Roth	18	Christy	Ostrander	28
Morgan	Aulbert	7	Owen	Schultz	18	David	Russell	28
Jeffrey	Boerneke	7	Kasen	Ewing	19	Berklee	Lowrey	28
Mark	Paquette	8	Alexis	Alberts	19	Rebecca	Dalton	29
Karen B.	Petzold	8	Brian	Bentley	19	Mike	Kern	29
Amy	France	8	Matthias	Grulke	19	Larry	Petzold	29
Bud	Zeck	9	Bret	Holmes	19	Philip	Petzold	29
Ethan	Casto	9	Nathan	Staple	19	Amy	Yorke	29
Jenelle	Keinath	9	Decima	Sebastian	19	Anthony	DeOrnellas	29
Ashley	O'Dell	9	Kevin	Clouse	20	Katelinn	Koeltzow	29
Bradley	Wilson	9	Abraham	Higgins	20	Glenn	Reinert	29
Aaron	Keinath	10	Brianna	Burns	20	Elizabeth	Zeck	29
Dennis	Rodammer	10	Velva	Cobanovich	20	Tucker	Woolwine	29
Nancy	Wilson	10	Isaac	Koch	20	Hans	Schmandt	30
Kaden	List	10	Laura	Sherman	21	Bethany	Daenzer	30
Dale	Higgins	11	Nathaniel	Okorowski	21	Sherry	Sebert	30
Muriel	Mohr	11	Linda	Henderson	22	Bonnie	Wittum	30
Makenna	Stratton	11	Hunter	Wirsing	22	Randy	Wolverton	30
Karen	Petzold	11	Jessica	Allen	22	Sierra	Goodhue	30
Cameron	Schiefer	11	Addison	Ley Willey	22	Alex	Keinath	30
Shirley A.	Petzold	12	Shirley Ann	Petzold	22	Shane	Reinig	31
Scott	Reinig	12	Brianna	Weber	23	Russell, Jr.	Hayden	31
Kristie	White	12	Ryan	Woodward	23	Braxton	Long	31
Logan	Adamic	12	Tammy	Simmons	24	Constance	Wells	31
Margaret	Higgins	12	Michele	Alberts	24			
Laura	Simon	12	Degrick	Koch	24			



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