



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

March 2020

"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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Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Why do you observe Lent? Maybe you've never been asked this question, so you've never given it much thought. So, please take a moment and think of your answer.... Go ahead.... I'll wait.... Seriously.... Don't keep reading without thinking of your answer.

(Admit it, you kept reading, didn't you?)

Historically, Lent is the period of penitential (repentant) preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday (this year, February 26, 2020), six and a half weeks before Easter (April 12, 2020), and provides for a 40-day fast (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness for 40-days before He began His public ministry. (This is why we read of the Temptation of Christ on the 1st Sunday of Lent every year.)

A period of preparation and fasting likely has been observed before Easter since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325AD. It was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism and a time of penance for sinners. Strict fasting rules, such as one meal a day and abstaining from meat, fish, eggs, and butter, were kept. In addition, a focus on almsgiving (giving financial assistance to the poor, widowed, and orphaned) was observed.

To this day, many Christians often choose to give up specific pleasures during Lent, such as sweets, alcohol, coffee, or social media, as a way to foster simplicity and self-control. Many use their cravings or desires for these items as a reminder to pray and to refocus on Christ. In some Christian traditions, almsgiving, preparation of candidates for baptism or confirmation, and penance are still actively followed.

So. Why do you observe Lent? (If you didn't answer before, this is your last chance.) Do you observe Lent out of habit? Is it out of

guilt? Do you observe Lent because that's what you're supposed to do as a Lutheran? Do you give up something just so you can fit it in or brag about it? Why do you observe Lent?

Giving up sweets or coffee, giving more of your time or money to those who have less, reflecting on your own sin, these are all well and good. But let's face it, most of us, after 40-days of giving something up, are going to indulge in that thing we've forgone as soon as Easter Sunday rolls around. If you don't know why you're doing it, you're missing the point of Lent. So why do you observe Lent?

My prayer as your pastor, is that you observe Lent to remember what our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has done for you. How He gave up everything He had so that you might gain everything He has in return. During Lent, we remember, and sometimes simulate on a basic level, the suffering Jesus endured in order to win our freedom from sin, death, and the devil. Because of this, when Jesus returns on the Last Day, when we experience our own Easter, we will enjoy the riches and blessings of our God forever.

Please take the time this Lenten season to really think about this question: Why do you observe Lent? Make time to attend our mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays at 1:30pm or 6:30pm (February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1). Join us as we remember in real time Christ's Passion during Holy Week (April 9 @ 7pm and April 10 @ 1:30pm and 7pm). Read through the Gospel of Matthew, or any other Gospel (Mark, Luke, or John). Take time to pray every day. Think about how you manage all the resources and blessings God has given you to manage. And prayerfully reflect on what Jesus Christ has done for you and for all who believe.

Pastor Tim Martinal

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Lent>.
Accessed February 4, 2020.



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Spiritual News

Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM - Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:45AM

Join us between services in the Gathering Room for Coffee Hour before Bible Study begins.

Sunday School - Between services every Sunday.

Youth Bible Study - 7th Grade through College. We will be joining the Legacy for Christ Bible Study in the Parish Hall on March 1st & 8th. We will meet again in the Youth Room on March 15th and talk about cutting, March 22nd - Freedom; March 29th - Our God-given gifts and talents.

New Two Week Bible Study "**A Legacy for Christ**" Sunday, March 1st & 8th in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome - parents, children, grandparents, etc. Start Lutheran Schools Week by attending this Bible Study.

The Connection - Beginning March 15th - Learn more and have a better Understanding of the connection between Old Testament references that are fulfilled in the New Testament. We can be aware of some obvious prophecies and foreshadowing in the Old Testament, but how much do we overlook? Come and see the unity of the Bible that is a result of seeing Jesus Christ as the unifying connection.

Engage - "Raising children in a tech-obsessed social media world is tough. What limits do you put on it? Is it safe? Why can't kids just put down their phones? Engage is a 6-week practical course hosted by Kirk Cameron (via online video), and facilitated by Pastor Martinal and others, that will help you navigate parenting in a social media age. Packed with expert interviews, a hands-on study and resource guide, downloadable tools, and biblical principles, it's the ultimate tool for not just surviving but thriving as a parent in today's culture and engaging your children (or grandchildren) on such a crucial topic. **Join us** March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 19, and 26 in the Parish Hall from 9:45am until 10:45am for an engaging study!"

Music at St. Paul

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the Church

New ringers are needed-no experience necessary. Try it out! You don't even need to be able to read music! If questions, contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

Church Choir

Tuesdays (During Lent) at 6:53PM
in the Band Room

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM in the Church

Other Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Bible Study - Sat., March 7th at 8AM
in the Library.

Couples Night Bible Study! - Led by Pastor Tim and Patti March 8th at 6:30PM in the Gathering Place. This month we will talk about communication. Do you and your spouse talk to each other or at each other? Are you a good listener? Come discuss this and other pitfalls our marriages fall into because of communication.

Women's Bible Study - March 19th at 7PM in the Gathering Place. We will begin studying Rebekah. Plucked from her family to go live in a foreign land, Rebekah shows us how to have faith in times of uncertainty. Come check it out!

If you or someone you know would be interested in taking our **Adult Instruction Classes**, please call the church office. The classes 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. Dates and times will be determined later.

Scripture Readings

March 1st

Genesis 3:1-21

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 8th

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15th

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-26

March 22nd

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 29th

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-45



Happenings at St. Paul / Opportunities

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Jubilee Handbells - Tuesdays at 7AM in the church.

Storyhour Tuesday mornings from 9-11AM in the nursery. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and snacks. Call Lori if questions 989-205-9873.

Quilting Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit!

Painting - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

AA - 7:30PM in the Council Room

Zumba

Zumba will be on Tuesday nights during Lent at 6PM and every Saturday at 10AM in the gym. \$1 at the door!



Euchre

Sat. March 7th from 4-6:30PM
in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Meeting

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30PM in the Chapel
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We gather 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!

Scrapbooking

Sat., March 14th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. Pre-register \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door. Bring your scrapbooking or craft supplies and projects or just come and enjoy the fellowship! Stay for an hour, or the whole day. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or school.office@spsmill.org.

Luck & Laughter

Sat., March 14th at 6PM at Willow Springs Golf Course, Vassar. Join St. Paul PTL and The Comedy Series for an evening of laughter and luck, with a live auction of hand-made items by our students at St. Paul. \$30.00 per person/dinner included. Tickets are available in school or church office 871-4581. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, wear something green!!

No Reason Potluck and Talent Show

Sunday, March 15th at 12:30PM. Fellowship will be providing ham, meatballs, and drinks. Please sign up your talent on the sheet in the narthex, or see anyone on the Fellowship team (Angie Ayotte, Josh Cunningham, Celeste Ketels, Matt Singer, Katrina Wager, Dennis Weiss). New this year...between each act, we will be having a dessert auction. All money from the auction will go to the building fund to help pay down the mortgage.

Couples Night Out!

Join us Sun., March 22nd at 6PM for a night of laughter & fellowship. The **Skit Guys** will be performing at St. Lorenz. Tickets are \$11.00. We will then be going to DaVinci's for dinner. Sign up and pay in the church office or see Patti Martinal.

Life Team

Come help us to protect life at all stages. Life Team helps plan activities to educate, promote, and protect life. Our first meeting will be March 31st at 7PM in the Gathering Place. See Pastor or Patti Martinal if questions.

St. Paul Youth Present A Night at the Movies Trivia Night



Fri., April 3rd from 7-10PM
\$100 per table (up to 6 people)
or \$20 per person.

Sign up in the Church Office.

Decorate your table with your favorite movie. Prize for the best decorated table! Get your crew together

to compete for some awesome prizes and awesome fun! Snacks will be provided. Proceeds will benefit the Jr. & Sr. High Gathering trips this summer.

The Wonder of Love

Ultimate Date Night with Jay & Laura Laffoon Fri., Apr 24th from 7-9:30PM at the Millington Church of God. The Ultimate Date Night is a 90-minute comedic look at this thing called Love, using a unique blend of music, comedy and Biblical truth, revealing 6 different ways to grow love in your marriage! Tickets at itickets.com-\$30 per couple before April 17th; \$40 after.

Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Mar. 3rd at 5:30PM in the Council Room

Youth Team

Tues., Mar. 3rd at 6PM in the Youth Room
Mon., Mar. 30th at 7PM in the Youth Room

Council

Wed., Mar. 4th at 6:30PM in the Library

Trustees

Sun., Mar. 8th at 9:45AM in the Computer Room

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Mar. 9th & 23rd at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., Mar. 10th at 6PM

Prayer Committee

Thurs., Mar. 12th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

Dorcas

Tues., Mar. 17th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

Wed., Mar. 25th at 7:30PM in the Gathering Room

Planning Committee

Tues., Mar. 31st at 6PM in the Library

Life Team

Tues., Mar. 31st at 7PM in the Gathering Room



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 March! Everyone seems to see green and clovers this month. What a wonderful way to explain our triune God...3 in 1. Like the clover, our God is filled with love, shown by each of the three heart shaped lobes of the clover. Also, the clover is always green representing the everlasting life that we receive through Christ Jesus' life, death and resurrection!

This is also a great way to remember how our church and school's mission continues to grow and flourish as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, March 1-8. We focus on how we are **Joy:fully Lutheran**. This year we will start and end our celebration week with an intergenerational Bible Study. We invite you and your family, to join us in the Parish Hall, between services on both of these Sundays.

Here is a list of the special activities for **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**:

- Sunday: All children sing; Intergenerational/Family Bible Study, Book Fair
- Monday: Pancake Breakfast (classroom supervision needed) & Crazy Hair Day
- Tuesday: Treat Tuesday, Read-a-Round & Twin Day (We need cookie bakers, please.)
- Wednesday: Chapel/Dress Your Best/Book Fair/ Longway Planetarium Assembly Day
- Thursday: Life-size Game, Wacky Olympics & Decade Day
- Friday: Movie Day & Cartoon, Movie Character, Pajama Day
- Sunday: Intergenerational/Family Bible Study, Book Fair

School Musical Opportunities

Mar. 1	ALL students K-8	Choice of service
Mar. 4	ALL students K-8	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 11	Cantate Choir	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 18	Cherub Choir	1:30 p.m.

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

- PTL Little Caesar Fundraiser from March 2nd - 27th
- March 1-8 Lutheran Schools Week & Scholastic Book Fair
- March 4 Lenten Service at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m
- March 6 2:45 p.m. Parent pick-up (no busses) VIP Dance PS-5th Grades
- March 11 Lenten Service at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m & Spring Pictures
- March 14 PTL Comedy Night Fundraiser 6-11 p.m.
- March 15 Preschool & Kindergarten Round-up
- March 18 Lenten Service at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m
- March 20 PTL All School Carnival 6-8 p.m.
- March 21-29 Spring Vacation
- March 25 Lenten Service at 1:30 & 6:30 p.m
- March 31 All- School Quiz Bowl Qualifications

March Sports: Our C-teams play through this month. Come and support these boys and girls as they use their God-given talents. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for all of the great seasons.



Mar. 7
Mar. 14

C-team Basketball
at Holy Cross, Saginaw
at Bethlehem, Saginaw



10 a.m./11 a.m.
10 a.m./11 a.m.



Memorials / Financial Info / Misc.

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of James Rude	
General Fund	\$85.00
Building Fund	\$565.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$40.00
School Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Betty Rueger	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Paul Bleuer	
General Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Carol Saeger	
General Fund	\$40.00
In Memory of Leona Reinert	
General Fund	\$80.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of LuRene Ill	
General Fund	\$487.00
Building Fund	\$115.00
School Fund	\$70.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$135.00
In Memory of Loraine Petzold	
General Fund	\$1190.00
Building Fund	\$130.00
School Fund	\$45.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$85.00

Trust & Investment

Thanks to our forefathers, this fund has grown to \$611,247.28. Your gifts to our fund is the gift that keeps on giving. When a member designates St. Paul Lutheran Church as a beneficiary of their estate, they can specify exactly where they would like their gift to go. Some examples might be (General Fund, Building Fund, Missions, School, or Trust & Investment.) If the gift is not specified, the gift will go to the Trust & Investment Fund per the bylaws in the church constitution. One estate gift was received in 2019.

Applications are being accepted for disbursement until April 1, 2020. Forms are available in the church office or online. If spendable funds are still available after the April Voters' Meeting, the committee will review any requests as we receive them.

Income needed vs received

Jan 2020 Income needed:	\$85,293.85
Jan 2020 Income received:	\$70,275.77
Jan 2020 Deficit:	\$(15,018.08)
CY 2020 Deficit:	\$(15,018.08)
General Fund balance 01/31/2020:	\$ 1,525.25

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 01/31/2020	\$440,435.00
Debt free date if nothing changes:	October 2022
Jan 2020 Mortgage Payment:	\$14,135.00
* Principal	\$13,268.68
* Interest	\$ 866.42
Amount received to pay mortgage:	\$13,954.60
Amount Deducted from contingency fund:	(\$180.40)
Balance LEFT in contingency fund:	\$ 1,648.18

From the Church Council

St. Paul Lutheran Church, as well as the greater Millington community, has been blessed by over 100 years of ministry and education provided by St. Paul Lutheran School.

Some years ago, the people of St. Paul launched a brave 3 phase building program to enhance the Christian education we provide. We are now blessed daily by modern classrooms, computer room, kitchen, library, and an outstanding gymnasium/activity center.

Only through the sacrificial giving of hundreds of people for many years has the blessing of this great campus been possible.

We are now approaching the end of our building fund debt, with just \$440,000.00 remaining on our building loan.

The Church Council wants to thank each of you for your continued support of the ministries of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. As we go forward, it is our goal to complete paying off this debt ahead of schedule.

Our monthly payment for the building debt is over \$14,000.00. This money comes from church offerings designated for the Building Fund. When we receive more than what is needed for that month, the extra money is put into a Contingency Fund. We pull from this fund when we do not receive enough to cover the payment for any month. The problem is the Contingency Fund is almost empty.

To meet the goal of paying the fund off ahead of schedule, an increase in church donations designated for the Building Fund are needed. God has enabled us to pay down this mortgage over the years. We are asking the entire congregation to take time and prayerfully consider what God has given their family to help us sprint toward the finish line.

Please be sure any extra offering you may make toward the retirement of the Building Fund debt does not take away from your offerings toward the General Fund, as that fund is also struggling to stay ahead of bills, such as payroll.

We have been and will continue to be richly blessed by our God. We fully expect the blessing of this church and school will continue beyond another 100 years.

We thank you for taking time to read and to consider this request.

God's Blessings to You,
St. Paul Lutheran Church Council

Tax Statements

Tax statements are available to download - just log into your Shelby account. Don't have an account established? Call the church office and we'll get you set up or print your statement if needed.

Opportunities to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate Coffee from Thailand

will be available for purchase in the Gathering Place. Please consider supporting Pastor Fung Lo's ministry in Thailand with your donation. Thank you.

Luck & Laughter Donations

Our PTL is looking for **donations** of quality, hand crafted items for the silent auction at the **Luck & Laughter** event on Sat., March 14th. Gift cards or popular gift basket ideas would also be good. Call the church or school office to donate an item. And don't forget to purchase your tickets for a fun night out!

Latchkey Donations

If you find yourself ready to purge items in your house, **Latchkey could use the following items:** Dodgeballs, Basketballs, Footballs, Jump Ropes, Bouncy Balls, Craft Items, or any items that would be useful for school age students. Please bring to the church office. Thank you!

Can Tabs

Please continue to bring in your **can tabs**. The money from them now goes to the Dick Hazel Americanism Award Scholarship at Millington High School, which is awarded to one boy and one girl.

Mission Lunches

The second Saturday of every month **six volunteers are needed** to be the hands and feet of Jesus by preparing and serving meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw. **Our next date is Sat., March 14th**. Arrival at the Mission is 10AM and we finish by 2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., March 13th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches.

Student Aid Fund

From time to time, situations arise in our lives causing a financial crisis. Loss of job, divorce/marital separation, and medical situations are a few of those times when we may not know how we are going to pay the bills. Some of our school families are dealing with these and similar situations and are in need of Christian compassion, assistances and encouragement. St. Paul **Student Aid Fund** has been set up to help families meet their financial obligation for tuition/fees. Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated and needed. If God has gifted you to be a blessing to these families, contributions may be brought to the church or school office. Much thanks!

Key Club Shoe Donations

Valley Lutheran's student-led organization, Key Club, is holding a shoe drive. They are partnering with Funds2orgs. This organization gives the shoes you donate to micro-entrepreneurs in third world countries. This provides jobs and the means for working age adults to provide for their families. In return for collecting shoes, Funds2orgs gives \$1000 to the organization that collects these shoes. Key Club can then take this money and invest in other community projects. Bring in your gently used or new shoes Feb. 23 - March 15th to help Key club achieve their goal of collecting 2,500 pairs of shoes. (No single shoes, no holey shoes, no ice skates, no rollerblades). A box will be in the narthex. If you have more questions contact Barry Wittig- bwittig@vlhs.com or go to <https://funds2orgs.com/faq/> for answers to commonly asked questions.

Spring Pictures

St Paul Lutheran School is excited to offer Spring pictures to our students and congregation on Wed., March 11th from 8:30AM-3PM. If you need a time frame after this, please call the office and we will see if Lifetouch can accommodate you.

Why Spring pictures too? Our kids change so much during the year and these are fun, casual pictures where they can express their perfect personality!

It also is an excellent, time saving, opportunity to photograph siblings, parents/grandparents with their child (limit of 4 subjects in a photo please).

Here is how it works:

Complete the form from the picture day flyer and bring to the photographer. Forms are on the wooden cabinet in the narthex or one of the offices. No money is needed at this time. In about 2 weeks a complete package with 5 sheets including the fun pack of laminates will arrive for your review. The entire package can be purchased or select just the sheets you want to purchase and return the others. If you do not wish to purchase any pictures, simply return the photos to the school.

These pictures make great Easter, Mothers, Father's Day gifts and such an easy way to get them! AND you will receive from Shutterfly a credit for an 8 x 8 memory book to create as well as \$25 for future purchase at Shutterfly. Oh my, now that is a great deal! FYI - **Our school also will earn a 20% commission** off of the sale to provide extra resources for our school.



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sun., March 8th.

**Remember to set your clocks
ahead 1 hour.**

Daily Lectionary / Misc.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Gen. 4:1-26 Mk. 2:18-28	2 Gen. 6:1-7:5 Mk. 3:1-19	3 Gen. 7:11-8:12 Mk. 3:20-25	4 Gen. 8:13-9:17 Mk. 4:1-20	5 Gen. 11:27-12:20 Mk. 4:21-41	6 Gen. 13:1-18 Mk. 5:1-20	7 s Gen. 15:1-21 Mk. 5:21-43
8 Gen. 15-17:22, 16:1-9 Mk. 6:1-13	9 Gen. 18:1-15 Mk. 6:14-34	10 Gen. 21:1-21 Mk. 6:35-56	11 Gen. 22:1-19 Mk 7:1-23	12 Gen. 24:1-31 Mk. 7:24-37	13 Gen. 24:32-52; 61-67 Mk. 8:1-21	14 Gen. 27:1-29 Mk. 8:22-38
15 Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-20 Mk. 9:1-13	16 Gen. 29:1-30 Mk. 9:14-32	17 Gen. 35:1-29 Mk. 9:33-50	18 Gen. 37:1-36 Mk. 10:1-12	19 2 Sam. 7:4-16 Matt. 2:13-15; 19-23	20 Gen. 40:1-23 Mk. 10:32-52	21 Gen. 41:1-27 Mk. 11:1-19
22 Gen. 41:28-57 Mk. 11:20-33	23 Gen. 42:1-34; 38 Mk. 12:1-12	24 Gen. 43:1-28 Mk. 12:13-27	25 Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38	26 Gen. 45:1-20; 24-28 Mk. 13:1-23	27 Gen. 47:1-31 Mk. 13:24-37	28 Gen. 49:29-50:7; 14-26 Mk. 14:1-11
29 Ex. 1:1-22 Mk. 14:12-31	30 Ex. 2:1-22 Mk. 14:32-52	31 Ex. 2:23-3:22 Mk. 14:53-72				

Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 1:30 & 6:30PM

Mar. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Apr. 1st

Dinners from 5-6:30PM

March 4th – Pop-up Potluck – Everyone bring a dish to pass!

March 11th – Mexican – Sponsored by the Church Choir

March 18th – Breakfast – Sponsored by the Youth

March 25th – Soup & Salad Dinner – Sponsored by Women's Bible Study

April 1st – Enchiladas – Sponsored by Social Concerns

Holy Week Services

Mundy Thursday - April 9th

7PM Worship +Communion

Good Friday - April 10th

1:30PM Worship

7PM Tenebrae

Easter - April 12th

6:30AM Sunrise Worship

8:30 & 11AM Worship +Communion



Mission Trip, Youth Events, LEAP, Misc.

Thailand Mission Trip

Bob and I traveled to Thailand, "Land of Smiles" from November 30 to December 23, 2019. Our mission trip was to the Hmong school children of a village near Chiang Mai. Janette taught Christian songs and Christmas carols, reviewed the English alphabet, practiced saying phonetic sounds, and worked on simple sentences with the children in the 1st-3rd grades with the help of one of the Thai English teachers. God provided another young Hmong man who was visiting from Minnesota to be the additional English teacher for the 4th-6th grades. The children and teachers were so happy to see us! They were eager to learn English, and were so sad when it was time for us to leave. In this public school, teaching religious songs and talking about Jesus was not an issue, just a joy! Whereas 90 percent of Thailand believes in Buddhism, we hope through our ministry to the school children and showing our support of Dr. Fung Lo and his ministry by our presence in the villages, may many more seeds of Christian love be planted. Bob was a great help in the school kitchen and keeping our very rustic cabin filled with wood to take the chill off during the coldest week in Thailand. (40 deg) We went on several trips with Pastor Lo up into other mountains to visit Hmong villages as he oversees 16 pastors in South East Asia as part of the *Mission in Christ Network*. We also did two partial VBS(no crafts,) for children in other villages. Underlying in attendance is hunger, as presenting the gospel without providing food(like noodles in a cup) doesn't work. Hunger outweighs the message and they will not come.

Strength and endurance were a challenge for me this trip as I caught a cold from my co-teacher, the first week, and that developed into a sinus infection for the remainder of my stay. Bob and I then caught the "flu" from our plane ride back from Thailand, but we are happy to report that we are both healthy now. We ask for continued prayers for Pastor Lo and his family as he ministers to the pastors with words of encouragement and review of scriptures, and for protection as he enters the countries of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos as they continue to persecute Christians and Hmong people due to the previous war. Thank you again for all your love shown to us by your support through prayer, monetary donations, and words of encouragement. May God continue to bless your heart for missions.

In Christ's service, Janette and Bob Keinath

Comfort Pillows

Members of the **Kindness Klub** have been busy spreading God's care. Our latest project was hand-stitching **comfort pillows** for those who may need them due to an injury or surgery. They are available on the shelves above the coat racks in the narthex. Please help yourself whenever you have this need.

Youth Events

All Youth – Spark, Ignite, Impact Volleyball vs. Parents

Sun., March 1st from 1-4PM
Everyone is invited to come and watch!

All Youth Host Lenten Dinner

Wed., March 18th – be there at 4:30PM
Help needed for set up, serving, clean up, etc.

Spark Mario Kart Tournament

Sun., March 22nd from 12:30-2:30PM

**Impact/Ignite
Spring Break Superhero Lock-In**
Fri., Mar. 27th – Sat., Mar. 28th from 8PM-8AM
\$2.00 per person plus a canned food item.

Ignite (6th-8th grade)

Jr. Youth Gathering

June 5th-7th in Frankenmuth
Please return forms with your \$35 payment by March 13th if you plan on attending. Forms are on the youth board in the church hallway.

Save the Date...

Gospel Concert Series at St. Paul

Tuesdays at 7PM – Freewill Donation -
Bring your friends and neighbors!

July 21st – Joyful Sound

July 28th – Foresters

August 4th – Jim Quayles

August 11th – The Vaughns

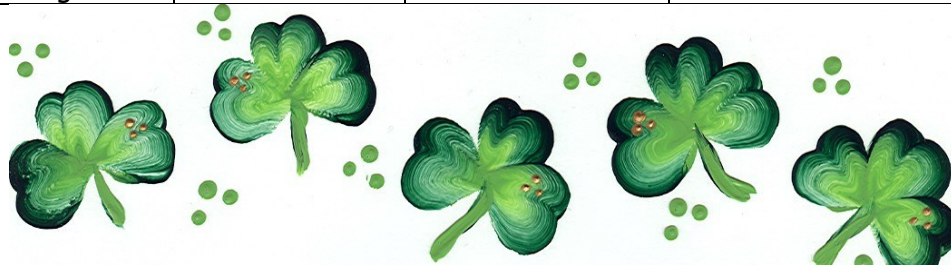
LEAP News

Lutheran Education Board Members and Others Will "LEAP-Shop" Together

In recent years, twenty-two Great Lakes Bay Region LCMS churches/schools have joined together in various "LEAP" ("Lutheran Education Advancement Plan") workshops known as "LEAP-Shops" where they seek to "Advance Christ-Centered Education through Collaboration." These events have involved lay church and school leaders and other representatives of our churches and schools coming together to learn, grow, and plan together. Another such LEAP-Shop is scheduled to occur on March 17 at Valley Lutheran High School, particularly involving education board members and other representatives of our Lutheran schools who will meet together at VLHS around such topics as selecting board members, evaluating administrators, developing effective board policies, caring for and supporting school administrators and staff, and maintaining and growing our Lutheran schools. May God bless the learning and planning together which will occur at the March 17 LEAP-Shop!

Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

March					
Acolytes	29/1	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29
7PM	Jillian Fackler	Alexis Bruner	Degrick Koch	Olivia Bailey	Olivia Bailey
8:30AM	Abby Skouson	Caleb Beyette	Ryan Keinath	Rylee Riendeau	Connor Erlenbeck
11AM	Tyler Rude	Connor Erlenbeck	Luke & Brady Petzold	Qwilleran Schmandt	Alexis Bruner
Screen Tech					
7PM	Jillian Fackler	Degrick Koch	Jillian Fackler	Ryan Keinath	
8:30AM	Singers	Ryan Keinath	Singers	Keira Wiacek	
11AM	Brandon Draper	Grace Erlenbeck	Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine	Ryan Keinath
Greeters	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent	
8:30AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler	
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine	



Ushers

8:30AM Service

Captain – Dwight Keinath
 Assistant – Michael Albert
 Ken Auernhammer
 Colin Meacham
 Daniel Meacham
 Lester Miller
 Jeremy Petzold
 Barbara Radloff
 Dwight Radloff
 Matt Singer
 Eugene Weiss
 Bud Zeck
 Mike Ziegler

Ushers

11AM Service

Captain – Richard Harpst
 Assistant – Mark Rude
 Mike Hoard
 Heath Keinath
 John Petzold
 Alden Rodammer
 Jay Rodammer
 Brandon Rude
 Hans Schmandt
 Peyton Schmandt

Ushers

7PM Service

Captain – Jim Jaruzel
 Sheila Haynes

Church Sextons

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

*One of the greatest gifts
 you can give is your time.*

Very helpful people who
Operate without a paycheck because they
Love to contribute and
Understand the power of giving and
Never give up.
They step up to help and
Everyone appreciates
Each small act because it
Really makes a difference.
Sharing time is caring for others!

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:30a Worship + C (K-8) 9:45a Bible Study/Sunday School 11a Worship (K-8) 1p All Youth Volleyball</p>	<p>2 7p Handbells</p>	<p>3 7a Jubilee 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 5:30p Social Concerns 6p Painting 6p Youth Team Mtg 6p Zumba 6:53p Choir Practice 7p Men's Open Gym 7:30p AA</p>	<p>4 LENT II 1:30p Worship (K-8) 6:30p Worship 7:30p Council</p>	<p>5 3p Girl Scouts 6:15p Praise Team 7p Public School Confirmation</p>	<p>6 1:30p City Rescue Prep 4:30p Parish Hall Rental</p>	<p>7 8a Men's Bible Study 10a Zumba 4p Eucharie 7p Worship +C</p>
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK		LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK		LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK		LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
<p>8 8:30a Worship (Ch Choir) 9:45a Bible Study/Sun Sch 9:45a Trustees 11a Worship+C (Ch Choir) 12p Parish Hall Rental 6:30p Couples Bible Study</p>	<p>9 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>10 7a Jubilee 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Board of Education 6p Zumba 6:53p Choir Practice 7p Men's Open Gym 7:30p AA</p>	<p>11 LENT III 8:30a Spring Pictures 1:30p Worship (Cantate) 6:30p Worship</p>	<p>12 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Committee 7p Public School Confirmation</p>	<p>13 1:30p City Rescue Prep 4:30p Parish Hall Rental</p>	<p>14 9a Scrapbooking 10a City Rescue Mission 10a Zumba 6p PTL Luck & Laughter 7p Worship</p>
<p>15 8:30a Worship + C (Sr Handbells) 9:45a Bible Study/Sun Sch 11a Worship Contemp 12p No Reason Party</p>	<p>16 7p Handbells</p>	<p>17 7a Jubilee 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Dorcas 6p Zumba 6:53p Choir Practice 7p Men's Open Gym 7:30p AA</p> 	<p>18 LENT IV 1:30p Worship (Cherub) 5p Youth Hosted Dinner 6:30p Worship</p>	<p>19 3p Girl Scouts 6:15p Praise Team 7p Women's Bible Study 7p Public School Confirmation</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10a Zumba 7p Worship +C</p>
<p>22 8:30a Worship (Women's Choir) 9:45a Bible Study/Sun Sch 11a Worship Contemp + C 12:30p Spark – Mario Kart</p>	<p>23 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>24 6p Painting 6p Zumba 6:53p Choir Practice 7p Men's Open Gym 7:30p AA</p>	<p>25 LENT V 1:30p Worship 5p Soup/Salad Dinner 6:30p Worship 7:30p Elders</p>	<p>26 6:15p Praise Team 7p Public School Confirmation</p>	<p>27 8p Impact/Ignite Lock-in</p>	<p>28 10a Zumba 7p Worship</p>
SPRING BREAK						
<p>29 8:30a Worship (Men's Choir) 9:45a Bible Study/Sun Sch 11a Worship 12p Parish Hall Rental</p>	<p>30 7p Youth Team 7p Handbells</p>	<p>31 7a Jubilee 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Planning Comm. 6p Zumba 6:53p Choir Practice 7p Life Team 7p Men's Open Gym 7:30p AA</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

Shelby Dues 03/01
 Haydin Johnson 03/01
 Eleanor Ayotte 03/02
 Melissa Detgen 03/02
 Valerie Petzold 03/02
 Courteney Porter 03/02
 Gretchen Tolbert 03/02
 Ben Boerneke 03/03
 Christian Kennedy 03/04
 Kristen Schultz 03/04
 Daniel Wagle 03/04
 Nancy Warby 03/04
 Jamie Brandle 03/05
 Jason Germain 03/05
 Sarah Simmons 03/05
 Zachary Aulbert 03/06
 Yvonne Bishop 03/06
 Jan Snyder 03/06
 Emily Albert 03/07
 Diane Foley 03/07
 Ryan Petzold 03/07
 Kelly Stevens 03/07
 Emil Higgins 03/08
 Andrew Hoard 03/08
 Teri Petzold 03/08
 Ryan Roth 03/08
 Anthony Sherman 03/08
 Samantha Smith 03/08
 Woody Wates 03/08
 Ashley Jensen 03/09
 Vickie Albert 03/10
 Jessica Cunningham 03/10
 Mike Hoard 03/10
 Todd Keinath 03/10
 Patricia O'Dell 03/10
 Serena Petzold 03/10
 Benjamin Rader 03/10
 Kristy Sherman 03/10
 Barbara Bassett 03/11
 Karen Graham 03/11
 Mildred Keinath 03/11
 Anjanette Kemp 03/11
 Brooklyn Merriam 03/11
 Kandie Sherman/Pere 03/12
 James Smith 03/12
 Lexie Bommarito 03/13
 Alyshia Fyke-Jolly 03/13
 Anthony Huber 03/13
 Ebin Petiprin 03/13
 Pete Daenzer 03/14
 Sue Fabbro 03/14
 Ed Keinath 03/14
 Max Petzold 03/14

Jeremy A. Petzold 03/14
 Leo Sandusky 03/14
 Dorothy Simmons 03/14
 Olivia Bailey 03/15
 Garrison Hecht 03/15
 Malachi Hecht 03/15
 ReAnna Hecht 03/15
 Katelynn Brady 03/16
 Robert Osborn 03/16
 Shane Pease 03/16
 Garen Stewart 03/16
 Brynn Burrows 03/17
 Claire Burrows 03/17
 Arlene Hohman 03/17
 Gloria Rodamme 03/17
 Lloyd Walz 03/17
 Robert Aulbert 03/18
 James, Jr. Henderson 03/18
 Dorothy Platt 03/18
 Matthew Reinert 03/18
 Sid Werner, J 03/18
 Charlie Ferrier 03/19
 Jeffrey E. Hecht 03/19
 Chase Howay 03/19
 Russ ILL 03/19
 Misty Sutton 03/19
 Laura Glynn 03/20
 Kim Reinert 03/20
 Carla Jackson 03/21
 Sonja Russell 03/21
 Mike Schreiber 03/21
 Brooklyn Bickel 03/22
 Xachary Carlyon 03/22
 Kenton (Zip) Gleason 03/23
 Jacquelyn Petzold 03/23
 Christian Coleman 03/24
 Lorine Petzold 03/24
 Thomas Schiefer 03/24
 Lyla Wagner 03/24
 Cindy Watermar 03/24
 David Bouck 03/25
 Cameron Dues 03/25
 Brian Glady 03/25
 James Legue 03/25
 Barbara Sergent 03/25
 Connie Hoard 03/26
 Murray Kinney 03/26
 Jeffrey Raymond 03/26



Caleb Allard 03/27
 Cindy Davis 03/27
 Marion Detgen 03/27
 Caleb Frahm 03/27
 Sheila Hebner 03/27
 Debra Hodge 03/27
 Bill Weber 03/27
 Zachary Petzold 03/28
 Jason Loomis 03/29
 Peggy Maschke 03/29
 Derek Bassett 03/30
 Megan Edler 03/30
 Howard Hergenrec 03/30
 Susan Jensen 03/30
 Nicole Swink 03/30
 Olivia Zeck 03/30
 Mary Haines 03/31
 Cynthia Huber 03/31





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March



Monthly Messenger

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God is still writing
Your story.
Quit trying
To steal the pen.

Trust the author.