



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

March 2021

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

A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It may seem hard to believe, but the season of Lent is already under way. And as you probably know by now, our Lenten theme is: "Return to the Lord." Although we're already several days into the 40 days of Lent, I thought it would be good to unpack our Lenten theme a bit more.

In the book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling.

But right in the middle of this frightening warning, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares.

During this season of Lent, we are examining how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ. For it is Christ who demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:17).

Each sermon for our Mid-Week and Holy Week services focuses on a particular event in the Passion of Christ, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect us with our own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart. We are further unpacking these events in our Sunday morning Bible study. Join us in-person or online Sun-

days at 8:45am to dig further into people and events in the Passion of Christ.

Lent is a multidimensional season of the Church Year, shaped by the preaching of our Lord's Passion, repentant reflection, and faithful instruction of God's Word. I encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities we have to "Return to the Lord." For it is only in gathering around the Word of God and His Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion that we are "One in the Son."

So, if you've been away: "Return to the Lord." If you're disconnected: "Return to the Lord." If you've been betrayed, lied to, hurt, guilt-ridden, lost, questioning, doubting: "Return to the Lord." Whatever has been keeping you from a closer relationship with God, or from the Body of Christ here at St. Paul: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love...." (Joel 2:13).

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal

Acknowledgments

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Worship Services
Sunday 10 A.M.
(Also live-streamed)
Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study
Sunday 8:45 A.M.

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Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM
Sundays at 10AM (Also live streamed)

Traditional service with Communion
2nd and 4th weekends

Contemporary service
1st, 3rd, and 5th weekends

To be added to our email list, please go to www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html.

Contact Information / Office Hours

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office, call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email church.office@spmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call one of the pastors on their cell phone - Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday from 11-3PM
or by appointment.

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 1/31/2021: \$245,040.62
Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024
2020 Mortgage Payment \$10,000.00
* Principal \$8,796.55
* Interest \$1,203.45
Nov. offerings received to pay mortgage: \$17,120.15
Amount Added to contingency fund in Jan.: \$1,582.88
Balance as of 1/31/21 in contingency fund: \$22,130.61

Jan. 2021 Income & Expense Summary

General Fund Income:	\$73,035.24
General Fund Expenses:	\$80,759.84
Jan. Deficit	(\$7,724.60)
Overall Deficit to date	(\$7,724.60)
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$157,813.27

Year End Giving Statements

Tax statements are available to download - just log into your Shelby account. Don't have an account established? It's easy! Call the church office and we'll get you set up. Once you get set up, you can check your statement at any time.

Just a reminder - Year end **giving statements will not be printed** unless you ask for one. Call the church office to get a printed copy, OR - ask to get your Shelby account set up and you will then be able to look up your account at any time. Please call 871-4581 if questions.

Scripture Readings

March 7th

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Cor. 1:18-31

John 2:13-25

March 14th

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 21st

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:32-45

March 28th

Zechariah 9:9-12

Phil. 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on
TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)
Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

Mar. 7th - "The Power of the Cross" - 1 Cor. 1:18

Mar. 14th- "Look on Jesus" - John 3:14

Mar. 21st- "What God Doesn't Remember - Jer. 31:34b

Mar. 28th- "Crucify the King" - Mark 15:6-20

The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Randy Keinath	
General Fund	\$1045.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
School Fund	\$40.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$80.00
In Memory of Elmer Snover	
General Fund	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
School Fund	\$50.00
In Memory of Sally Loesel	
School Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Henry Mohr	
General Fund	\$20.00

Trust & Investment / Scholarship / Door Offering

TRUST & INVESTMENT – ESTATE 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 you do not specify in your will/estate, your gift will go to Trust & Investment per the bylaws in the church constitution.

Your gift is invested and the principal amount cannot be spent. The interest and dividends will be spent on projects or equipment that would

not be part of the church's general fund budget. Any recognized board of our church can apply for disbursements of such funds. Requests are reviewed by the Trust & Investment Committee and if approved, will go to the Voter's Assembly for final approval.

We can thank our forefathers who had the wisdom to start this perpetual fund with a few thousand dollars. Today it has grown to over \$646,000.00. Your estate gift to the Trust & Investment fund is the gift that keeps on giving.

We are currently accepting applications for disbursement of interest and dividends earned in 2020. Applications are available on line, or you can pick one up at the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2021. You can return application in person to the church office or email to tdglady@yahoo.com.

Richard Glady-President, Sue Fabbro-Secretary, Mike Kern-Treasurer, Sandy Fackler, Cory Stange, Gloria LaPointe, Ed Keinath

Dial 2-1-1

This has been a difficult year for many people in our community. Here is a free community resource that everyone can use if they find themselves needing extra support. 2-1-1 is a public service number for all non-emergency needs. You can call it any time, any day and an agent will connect you with whatever it is you're looking for – food, financial assistance, housing support, clothing, transportation... All you need to do is dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 to get connected.

Online Auction

St. Paul Lutheran Church is sponsoring an **online auction through Albrecht Auction Services** to liquidate the household contents of the Ernie and Irene Smith Estate.

Over 155 auction items include furniture, household items, a few tools and a John Deere Riding Lawnmower. Items can be previewed online at bidnow.us (Albrecht Auction) from **March 15 - 22**.

In addition, those interested may preview items live at 4863 Center Street in Millington, on the following dates/times:

Saturday, March 20th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 21st from 1p.m. to 4 p.m.

Successful bidders can pick up their items at the Center Street address on the following dates/times:

Thursday, March 25th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, March 26th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"Here We Stand" Door Offering

We have been blessed to have members of St. Paul become teachers and pastors. The MI District LCMS is able to support future church workers through the **"Here We Stand"** campaign. Along with Professional Church Worker Scholarships, gifts will also help in the areas of Innovative Missional Ministry, Michigan District Endowment, and International Ministry. Over \$7.22 million in gifts, pledges, and congregational goals have been donated to date. We will be having quarterly **door offerings** to help support this ministry. The first will be the weekends of **March 7th & 14th**. You can also give to this fund at any time by placing in an envelope marked "Here We Stand."

DIAL 2-1-1 to get connected to local resources.



Bill Payment Assistance



Disaster Services



Education



Employment & Financial Support



Food



Health Care



Personal & Household Items



Transportation

2-1-1 is here to help.



2-1-1 on your phone or (888) 636-4211



TEXT your zip code to 898-211



LEARN more at 211NEMichigan.org

St. Paul Lutheran School



March 2019

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 sees 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 7-12. This year our focus is on how Jesus came not be served but to serve. This year, our celebration will be a bit different due to COVID-19. We do still invite you and your family, to keep the school, faculty and students in your prayers this week and throughout the rest of the year as well.

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

- Monday: Pancake Breakfast/ Pajama & Crazy Hair Day*
- Tuesday: Special Readers/ Wacky-Tacky Day*
- Wednesday: Chapel & Servant Projects/St. Paul Spartan-wear Day; Scholastic Book Fair*
- Thursday: Snowman Contest & Servant Project Day/Sports Team (college/pro) Day*
- Friday: Movie Day & Class Color Day*

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

- March 1 RADA cutlery fundraiser orders and money are both due*
- March 3 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. in-person and live streamed*
- March 5 ½ day of classes, dismissal at 11:15 a.m. with busses*
- March 6 St. Paul Fish Fry 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Drive Thru only*
- March 10 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. in-person and live streamed*
- March 14 Preschool & Kindergarten Round-up 11 a.m.-4 p.m. by appointment; Scholastic Book Fair*
- March 17 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. in-person and live streamed*
- March 24 Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. in-person and live streamed*
- March 27-April 5 Spring/Easter Vacation*

Here is the church streaming link: [St. Paul Lutheran Church Services Live-Stream](#)

March Sports: *Our A & B-teams are trying to make up some of the postponed games. The players may have two supporters at the games but you can still support these teams as they use their God-given talents through prayer. Thank you to all the fans, parents and coaches for your support and guidance throughout this unique season.*



- Mar. 1*
- Mar. 4*
- Mar. 11*
- Mar. 18*

A & B Boys Basketball (B-team followed by A-team)

- at CTK, Sebewaing*
- at St. Paul, Flint (B-team only)*
- with CTK, Sebewaing*
- at Immanuel, Frankentrost*

- 5 p.m./6 p.m.*
- 4:30 p.m.*
- 5 p.m./6 p.m.*
- 4:30 p.m./6 p.m.*



Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

Lenten Theme / Survey / Misc.

2021 Lenten Theme: ***"Return to the Lord"***

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplished all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

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**Come worship with us
Wednesdays at 6:30PM.
All services will also be
livestreamed.**

March 3rd - "Return from Betrayal"

March 10th - "Return from False Witness"

March 17th - "Return from Denial"

March 24th - "Return to the Kingdom of God"

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7PM -
"Return to the Table"

Good Friday, April 2nd at 1:30PM - "Return to
Truth"

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 2nd at 7PM

Easter, April 4th

Sunrise with Communion at 6:30AM

Worship with Communion at 10AM

St. Paul Fish Fry



Sat., March 6th & 20th

11AM-7PM

Drive-Thru Only

Menu:

Fish (Pollock), French Fries,
Coleslaw & Roll

Prices:

3 piece dinner: \$10.00

7 piece box of just fish: \$20.00

Proceeds will go towards the
Washington D.C. trip.

Easter Flowers

To order an Easter Lily or Spring Plant for the altar for Easter, please sign up on the glass case in the narthex or call the church office by March 22nd. Plants are \$15.00. Checks can be made payable to Pam Hanlin.

Messenger Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a Messenger for 2021, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month.


Altar Flowers

The 2021 Flower Chart is hanging in the hallway between the church mailboxes. Please add your name, phone number, and center or side vases. You are responsible for calling the florist of your choice and (pending we have bulletins) letting the church office know what you would like the bulletin to say.

Offering Envelopes

2021 Church Offering Envelopes are in the narthex. Please take your box and any others you may be able to deliver.

Daily Lectionary / Special Thanks / LEAP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March Daily Lectionary	1 Gen. 18:1-15 Mk. 6:14-34	2 Gen. 21:1-21 Mk. 6:35-56	3 Gen. 22:1-19 Mk. 7:1-23	4 Gen. 24:1-31 Mk. 7:24-37	5 Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 Mk. 8:1-21	6 Gen. 27:1-29 Mk. 8:22-38
7 Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-20 Mk. 9:1-13	8 Gen. 29:1-30 Mk. 9:14-32	9 Gen. 35:1-29 Mk. 9:33-50	10 Gen. 37:1-36 Mk. 10:1-12	11 Gen. 39:1-23 Mk. 10:13-31	12 Gen. 40:1-23 Mk. 10:32-52	13 Gen. 41:1-27 Mk. 11:1-19
14 Gen. 41:28-57 Mk. 11:20-33	15 Gen. 42:1-34, 38 Mk. 12:1-12	16 Gen. 43:1-28 Mk. 12:13-27	17 Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34 Mk. 12:28-44	18 Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28 Mk. 13:1-23	19 Gen. 47:1-31 Mk. 13:24-37	20 Gen. 49:14-26, 49:29-50:7 Mk. 14:1-11
21 Ex. 1:1-22 Mk. 14:12-31	22 Ex. 2:1-22 Mk. 14:32-52	23 Ex. 2:23-3:22 Mk. 14:53-72	24 Ex. 4:1-18 Mk. 15:1-15	25 Ex. 4:19-31 Mk. 15:16-32	26 Ex. 5:1-6:1 Mk. 15:33-47	27 Ex. 7:1-25 Mk. 16:1-20
28 Ex. 8:1-32 Heb. 1:1-14	29 Ex. 9:1-28 Heb. 2:1-18	30 Ex. 9:29-10:20 Heb. 3:1-19	31 Ex. 10:21-11:10 Heb. 4:1-16			

Special Thanks!

We want to **thank** our church family for the prayers, cards, thoughts, and well wishes. All are appreciated! -The Family of Randy Keinath

Dear Members of St. Paul,

Thank you doesn't seem enough to say for all your caring cards and notes, Christmas and birthday cards and all of the friendly phone calls. To the Christian Care Committee, Jan & Shirley Snyder, Steve & Mary Kern, Dorcas, and so many others; the handmade cards and the special friends that have sent flowers. Thank you to the Pastors for their calls and caring. I love watching church on T.V. and wishing I could be there. I'm thankful my family brings me the newsletter and church news to keep me updated.

In Christian Love,
Lela Higgins

Many thanks to Dwight Keinath, Luke Platt, and Mike Ziegler for plowing the St. Paul parking lots.

Don Haines Memorial Scholarship

Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbela Township, bestowed a positive influence on his family to pursue their dreams by committing to and reinforcing the importance of a college education. While Don did not pursue this himself, he and his wife, Barbara, raised their children to believe that with a college education they would be able to do whatever they wanted to do in life. Through the positive reinforcement received and the financial support of Don and Barbara, all four of their children, who attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, pursued and received their college degrees.

Therefore, it is fitting that a fund has been established by the family, for future St. Paul graduates who go on to a Lutheran high school or pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary.

A scholarship will be awarded to one high school and one college applicant. Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the Church Office and need to be returned by May 1st.

Support St. Paul and Help Keep the Earth Clean!

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

Drop Off:

In the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex.



March Birthdays



Shelby Dues	1	James Smith	12	Xachary Carlyon	22
Haydin Johnson	1	Lexie Bommarito	13	Kenton (Zip) Gleason	23
Eleanor Ayotte	2	Alyshia Fyke-Jolly	13	Jacquelyn Petzold	23
Valerie Petzold	2	Anthony Huber	13	Lorine Petzold	24
Melissa Detgen	2	Ebin Petiprin	13	Thomas Schiefer	24
Courteney Porter	2	Pete Daenzer	14	Cindy Waterman	24
Gretchen Tolbert	2	Sue Fabbro	14	Lyla Wagner	24
Ben Boerneke	3	Ed Keinath	14	Christian Coleman	24
Nancy Warby	4	Dorothy Simmons	14	Vicki Petzold	24
Christian Kennedy	4	Max Petzold	14	David Bouck	25
Daniel Wagle	4	Timothy Schultz	14	Brian Glady	25
Kristen Schultz	4	Leo Sandusky	14	Barbara Sergent	25
Jamie Brandle	5	Jeremy A. Petzold	14	James Legue	25
Jason Germain	5	Garrison Hecht	15	Cameron Dues	25
Jan Snyder	6	Malachi Hecht	15	Randy Graham	25
Yvonne Bishop	6	ReAnna Hecht	15	Deborah O'Brien	25
Zachary Aulbert	6	Olivia Bailey	15	Connie Hoard	26
Diane Foley	7	Katelynn Brady	16	Murray Kinney	26
Emily Albert	7	Alicia Ide	16	Jeffrey Raymond	26
Ryan Petzold	7	Shane Pease	16	Anessa Todd	26
Kelly Stevens	7	Garen Stewart	16	Sheila Hebner	27
Andrew Hoard	8	Arlene Hohman	17	Bill Weber	27
Emil Higgins	8	Gloria Rodammer	17	Caleb Allard	27
Teri Petzold	8	Lloyd Walz	17	Cindy Davis	27
Ryan Roth	8	Brynn Burrows	17	Marion Detgen	27
Anthony Sherman	8	Claire Burrows	17	Caleb Frahm	27
Samantha Smith	8	Evan Thayer	17	Debra Hodge	27
Woody Wates	8	Gauge Woelzlein	17	Zachary Petzold	28
Ashley Jensen	9	Dorothy Platt	18	Peggy Maschke	29
Vickie Albert	10	Matthew Reinert	18	Mitch Ehrhardt	29
Mike Hoard	10	Robert Aulbert	18	Jason Loomis	29
Patricia O'Dell	10	James, Jr. Henderson	18	Derek Bassett	30
Serena Petzold	10	Jacob Martinal	18	Howard Hergenreder	30
Kristy Sherman	10	Sid Werner, Jr.	18	Susan Jensen	30
Jessica Cunningham	10	Russ ILL	19	Megan Edler	30
Todd Keinath	10	Misty Sutton	19	Karlie Sherman	30
Benjamin Rader	10	Chase Howay	19	Nicole Swink	30
Hendrix Watchpocket	10	Charlie Ferrier	19	Olivia Zeck	30
Barbara Bassett	11	Jeffrey E. Hecht	19	Mary Haines	31
Karen Graham	11	Kim Reinert	20	Daniel Pobocik	31
Anjanette Kemp	11	Laura Glynn	20	Shannon Bonadurer	31
Mildred Keinath	11	Sonja Russell	21	Nicole Brown	31
Jim Force	11	Mike Schreiber	21	Cynthia Huber	31
Brooklyn Merriam	11	Carla Jackson	21		
Kandie Sherman/Perez	12	Brooklyn Bickel	22		



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Millington, MI **IN THE SON**

*Kindness is a Gift
Everyone
Can Afford to Give.*