



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

April 2017

*"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 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
Saturday 7:30 P.M.

#### Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.

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### A Message from Pastor Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Why do we serve? In the four weeks leading up to Easter, we have been studying God's Word and the topic of serving.

We can be motivated to serve for the wrong reasons, but God wants us to **serve because of the Easter story.**

Easter is about life, and we learn the most important lesson about living from Jesus. *"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45).

There are three parts of this verse. **Jesus, "the Son of Man, did not come to be served."** Because of our sinful nature we focus on what can be done for us. That is not life as God intended it.

**Jesus, the Son of Man, came "to serve."** Adam and Eve were created to enjoy working and sharing life with each other. In the beginning, they joyfully served God and one another. That perfect world no longer exists.

**Jesus, the Son of Man came to serve, "and to give His life as a ransom for many."** We are prisoners (to sin), but we are now set free by the selfless life Jesus lived and the price paid with His last breath of life. He gave His perfect life as a ransom for us. He was punished because of our self-serving attitudes and living.

Alleluias will be sung on Easter Sunday, but we can sing **Alleluia** the other 364 days of the year in **the way we live for Jesus.** After the day of Easter is past, how will you live? Do you know why serving is really living?

With the upcoming pastoral vacancy, we are going to have plenty of new opportunities for each of us to share our abilities in serving. Celebrate Easter and sing Alleluia with how you live your life each day.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Remember – you matter to God and you matter to me,

Pastor Jim Bruner

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11*

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

The April Messenger is sponsored in memory of Ron Edler from his wife, Lorine.

# Spiritual News

## 9:45AM Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Join us for *Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall* before Bible Study begins.

### What does the Bible say about why we serve?

This question applies to every Christian: those in a leadership position in the church, someone who works behind the scenes, and even members who simply go to church each week. God has created you to serve. There are great blessings when we serve; that is how God designed life. Serving can also lead to danger; becoming drained and burned out. This Bible study is for ALL Christians, so that we can each use our individual gifts as we serve God together and experience the blessings He intends. Some of our time will also be spent looking at **how** St. Paul Lutheran functions based upon our constitution, so we can efficiently accomplish the work God has given us. Pastor Bruner will lead this study in the Parish Hall from March 19 to April 9 and after Easter on April 23 and 30.

**Adult Instruction Class** – Led by Pastor Abatelli in the multi-purpose room. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. Paul, please call the church office 871-4581.

### Other Bible Studies

#### Daily Lectionary

Led by Pastor Bruner Wednesdays at 9AM in the Council Room.

#### Men's Morning Bible Study

\*\*Date Change\*\* Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM in the Library.

Join us the first Saturday of each month. Coffee & goodies provided!

#### Heroes Men's Bible Study

Led by Pastor Abatelli Tues., April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Library.

## Pastoral Vacancy Information

Pastor Abatelli has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran in Oak Ridge, TN. His tentative plans are to serve St. Paul Lutheran until the end of May and preach his last sermon here on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have contacted our Circuit Visitor and District Mission and Ministry Facilitator (CMMF) for help during this time of transition. We have requested resources and tools that will help us perform a self-study of our entire ministry. We want to determine what areas of ministry God has equipped us to accomplish, what areas need more attention from members, and what areas need pastoral ministry. Once we have a picture of where we need to direct our attention, then we can request a call list for a pastor that will fit our needs.

In the meantime, the most visible change during the vacancy will be guest preachers on occasion. Pastor Bruner is still here to serve your spiritual needs. We can view this vacancy as an opportunity God is giving us to have more members engaged in the ministry areas that do not require a pastor and for Pastor Bruner to focus on those areas that he has been called to fulfill. Continue to pray that God would strengthen our faith in His promise to guide us and provide for us.

## Scripture Readings

### April 2nd

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Romans 8:1-11*

*John 11:1-45*

### April 9th

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*Matthew 26:1-27; 66*

### April 16th

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Matthew 28:1-10*

### April 23rd

*Acts 5:29-42*

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

*John 20:19-31*

### April 30th

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

*1 Peter 1:17-25*

*Luke 24:13-35*

## Music

### Handbells

Mondays at 7PM in the church.

### Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM in the school music room.

### Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM  
Singers and instrumentalists welcome to join any time!

# Happenings at St. Paul

## Tuesdays at St. Paul

### Storyhour

**Storyhour** for preschoolers Tuesdays from 9-11AM in the nursery. Everyone welcome – no need to register.

### Quilting

Everyone is welcome to join the quilting ladies and help tie off quilts and cut material squares every Tuesday from 12-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience needed!

### Painting Class

Tuesdays from 6-8PM in the Projects Room

### AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30PM in the Council Room.

## High School Youth

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>* – 6-8PM

Human Hungry Hippos, Bean Boozled

*April 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Amazing Race

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### Jr. Youth

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders invited!

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>* from 12:30-2:30PM

Human Hungry Hippos, Bean Boozled,  
Walking Tacos

*Fri., April 21<sup>st</sup>* - 3-5PM

## Scrapbooking & Crafts

**Scrapbooking & Crafts** Sat., April 8th 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 if staying all day and your beverage. **R.S.V.P.** in the school office 871-4581 or [school.office@spmiller.org](mailto:school.office@spmiller.org).

### Voters' Meeting

Sun., April 9th at 1:30PM.

Everyone is encouraged to attend – only voting members are able to vote.

**Messenger/Calendar Deadline**  
**Friday, April 14th**

### Art, Religion, & Music Festival

Thurs., April 20th from 5-7PM

Come and see all the talent St. Paul has!!

### Trivia Night

Thurs., April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8PM in the Parish Hall.  
\$10 per person or \$50 for a team of 6 – proceeds go toward the 2017 Washington D.C. trip.

We are also looking for businesses or groups to sponsor rounds for \$50 or to donate door prizes. Sign up forms and rules are available in the church and school office.

### Music Festival

Friday, April 28th

St. Paul is hosting this year's Lutheran Schools' Music Festival. Everyone is invited to hear our students perform their musical talents. If you would like to help out in any way, please call the church or school office.

### Secret Angel Luncheon

Sun., April 30th at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall.

This is the time for all 8th graders to finally find out who their Secret Angel is!

### Confirmation Rehearsal

Following the luncheon.

It is important that everyone attend.

If questions, call the church office.

## Stephen Ministry Spring Conference

The Saginaw Valley **Stephen Ministry Alliance** invites you to their **Spring Conference** on Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon, at the St. Lorenz Lutheran School Gym. Our topic will be "SHARING THE GIFT OF HOPE" with guest speaker: Dr. David Hall, PhD. In his dynamic, humorous, and down to earth style, Dr. Hall shares with us the gift of hope. What is hope? How can I get it? How can I share it? Registration begins at 8:15am with a light breakfast provided. Register via mail prior to April 17th to: Karla Mishler, 9160 Canada Rd., Birch Run, MI 48415 with a \$10 check per person payable to SVSMA. Please include your name, phone number, and email address with your registration. Questions?: Carla Roethlisberger, 989/928-1645.

### Dorcas Bus Trip

**Meadowbrook Mansion & Theatre** on June 14<sup>th</sup>

\$75 per person includes deluxe motor coach, guided tour of mansion, lunch at Meadowbrook Hall, and tickets to the Meadowbrook Theatre "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?". Call Connie Keinath 871-4125 or Eileen Zieger 871-2329 for tickets by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 500th Anniversary

#### Reformation Worship Service

at the Breslin Center at Michigan State University on October 15, 2017. The event is free, but you will need a ticket. Sign-up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex. If you have any questions call Tim Sergent at 810 223-1604.

# Financial / CEF / Bookkeeper's Corner / Bus Trip

## CEF BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

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**Mortgage balance as of 02/28/17:** \$890,364.23

- Interest Rate = 2.25%
- Next Maturity Date = 01/01/2020 (interest rate change)
- Debt free date if nothing changes = October 2022
- February 2017 Mortgage payment = \$14,135.00
- Principal = \$12,427.54 --- Interest = \$1,707.46

### February 2017 Income & Expense Summary

**February** General Fund Income: \$ 65,415.00

**February** General Fund Expense: (\$ 82,607.83)

**February Deficit:** (\$ 17,192.83)

Checkbook balance as of **02/28/17:** \$ 196,275.74  
Designated & Memorial Obligation: (\$ 248,423.13)  
Our total Deficit: (\$ 52,147.39)

## Did You Know?

You can have your church offerings electronically withdrawn from your checking or savings account in intervals of your choosing? "Excel in Giving" information is available in the narthex and church office. The enrollment form is located in the wall organizer outside the bookkeeper's office.

## Creation Museum Bus Trip

St. Paul is planning an overnight bus trip to the **Creation Museum and Ark Encounter** in Kentucky June 16-17.

In order to plan, we need a head count by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with a deposit of \$50. We have 56 seats available – first come, first serve.

The tentative prices for the bus and museums are:  
Adults: \$125; Ages 60 + up: \$110; 5-12 yrs.: \$99.

The hotel price will be based on number of people per room and will depend on availability – anywhere from \$95-135 per room. Once we have final counts, we can give a set price.

To reserve your seats, please return this form to the church office or place in an envelope and put in the offering plate, along with your \$50 deposit. Please make checks payable to St. Paul. Call the church office if questions or to reserve your spot. We look forward to having a great time!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Seats \_\_\_\_\_

How Many per Room \_\_\_\_\_

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



## The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills  
[Finance@spmill.org](mailto:Finance@spmill.org)

Without a doubt, we have *awesome* folks in this congregation. What a blessing.

When someone asks for Kleenex for the pews, we get cases of them. Whether there's a need for a family in distress, candy for a function, donations for a dinner, labor for an event, or even a refrigerator for Child Care (saw that roll in mid-March), you are there. The Lord continues to work in people's hearts daily. We are blessed.

At the same time, I watch the numbers roll in and out of our checking account each day. In the month of February, our checkbook numbers slid into a ditch – our offerings were at the lowest point I had ever seen them. Interestingly enough, there was also a significant rise in fundraisers to support other ministries other than the church body. Is there a connection? Perhaps, but we have no metrics to say one way or another – but maybe something to think about.

Our tithes/offerings, in conjunction with the school tuition payments, pay **all** the salaries and benefits for our church workers. Here's a review of our average costs *each month*:

- > Wages - \$53,440
- > Employer Taxes - \$1,800
- > Health Care Benefits - \$11,917
- > Pension Plan – \$5,165

For the month of February, just our employee costs totaled \$72,322. Our **total** income for February was \$65,415. See where I'm going?

If you go all the way back to Exodus, the Bible teaches us about giving first fruits to the Church body. All other givings are *in addition* to the first fruits.

We're entering the budget and pledge phase in our congregation. It seems every year we end up freezing wages or cutting ministries to balance the budget. Maybe this year we should consider breaking that cycle. As you prayerfully consider your offerings to the church, we should remember that tithing is intended to train people to trust God, to break greed and selfishness of our lives, and build healthy habits that will release God's blessings over our lives.

We can do SO much to further the glory of God when we work together, united, as one.

## Lent Services / Holy Week / Meetings

*This year's Lenten theme is:  
"Compassion in the Passion"*

This year, our special Lenten theme will look at the "Compassion" God has for all of us. His tremendous love is what motivated Him to endure the suffering or "Passion."

Each week a harmony reading of the Gospels will show us the ways Jesus suffered for us yet how He showed compassion, then and now.

When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane, He suffered greatly. Some of His disciples slept even though He asked for prayer. Judas betrayed Him. A crowd came to arrest Him with clubs and swords.

Nevertheless Jesus showed compassion to His clueless disciples, the Betrayer, and a servant whose ear was cut off.

His compassion is best seen as He interacts with those who put Him on the cross and we whose sins are the reason He suffered. These are only a few of the examples of our Lord's "Compassion in the Passion." Put Lenten worship services in your schedule and receive blessings from God's "Compassion in the Passion."

### **Lenten Worship Services Wednesday, April 5th at 4PM**

Join us for dinner from 5-6PM - Freewill Donation

#### **Taco Bar**

Sponsored by the Board of Social Concerns  
Proceeds go toward Counseling Fees.

## 2017 Holy Week Services



*Maunder Thursday* – April 13<sup>th</sup>  
7PM - Worship with Communion

*Good Friday* – April 14<sup>th</sup>  
1:30PM – Worship  
7PM Tenebrae

*Easter Celebrations* – April 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30AM – Sunrise  
8:30AM – Worship with Communion  
11AM – Blended Worship with Communion

*Easter Breakfast* 7:30-9:30AM  
Free Will Donation  
Proceeds go to the Church Worker Fund

### **Don Haines Memorial Scholarship**

Don Haines, lifelong resident of Arbel 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 pursue a degree at an accredited LCMS synodical college, university, or seminary. Any student who qualifies may read the requirements needed to apply. Applications are available in the Church Office and need to be returned by Mon., May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Earn Money for Our School Just by Ordering Checks!**

St. Paul, in partnership with Frankenmuth Credit Union, has special personalized checks designed to show off your school spirit. Every time you order a box of these specially designed checks, \$2 per box is donated to our school. We earned \$54.00 from last year's orders. Thank you to all who have participated and remember to ask for School Spirit checks next time you place an order.

### **April Meetings**

#### **Youth Team**

Tues., April 4th at 6PM

#### **Stewardship**

Tues., April 4th at 7:30PM

#### **Social Concerns**

Wed., April 5th at 6:30PM

#### **Council**

Wed., April 5th at 7:30PM

#### **Evangelism**

Thurs., April 6th at 7:15PM

#### **Voters' Assembly**

Sun., April 9th at 1:30PM

#### **Trustees**

Sun., April 9th following Voters'

#### **Stephen Ministry**

Mon., April 10th & 24th at 7PM

#### **Dorcas**

Tues., April 11th at 6PM

#### **Board of Education**

Tues., April 11th at 6:30PM

#### **Elders**

Wed., April 26th at 7:30PM



# Memorials / Serve & Volunteer

## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Barbara Mohr	
Handbell Fund	\$625.00
General Fund	\$385.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
In Honor of Roger & Lola Wendt's 50th Wedding Anniversary	
General Fund	\$ 50.00
In Honor of Lela Higgins' 90th Birthday	
General Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
In Memory of Gerald Snyder	
General Fund	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Gwenlyn Maxson	
General Fund	\$ 30.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 50.00
In Honor of Linda Rohde's 90th Birthday	
Building Fund	\$ 10.00

## Thank You!

**Thank you** to Rod & Nancy Wilson and Matt & Melissa Koch for providing a new refrigerator to our daycare. Your generosity is appreciated!

**Many thanks** go to the Village of Millington for their quick and timely response to our sewer situation.

The Trustees would like to **thank** Art Weber for his years of maintaining the flower beds and yard upkeep at St. Paul. We are now looking for a few people to continue the upkeep of the flowers. Please call the church office if you can help in any way.

**Many thanks** go to everyone who supported our Pasta Dinner last week. We apologize for the miscommunication with the gluten free food and will be sure to have it for you next time. Thank you to all who made food & desserts, and to all who came for the meal. Your support to the Valley Lutheran students is greatly appreciated. Special thanks also to the great crew of workers who put on the meal and made this dinner go smoothly! You are all awesome!

## Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

**Ushers needed** for the Saturday evening service for the months of March, June, September, and December. Please call Jim Jaruzel at 871-3845 to serve in this way.

**Looking** for any and all eye glasses. Janette Keinath will be traveling to Belize at the end of June on an eye glass mission trip through MOST Ministries. She will be accepting donations of regular glasses, bi-focals, tri-focals, children's glasses, reading glasses, metal or plastic, and good frames without lenses through the month of April. It takes around 10,000 pairs of donated glasses to prepare for her team to take along 3500 pairs to be used at the eye glass clinic. Thank you for all your support in this mission endeavor. Look for the basket in the Narthex marked for Belize.

**Dorcas Ladies are still crafting!** If you have any of the listed items, please bring to the school office or the box in the narthex. Zippers, Icebreaker mint containers, large artificial flowers, key ring circles, ribbon, yarn, lace, plain glass or plastic round ornament bulbs, any beads, and any pompons.

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 April 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the sack lunches. Thank you!

## **OPERATION HOPE AND CARE**

As a service project for the months of April and May, we will be partnering with City Rescue Mission of Saginaw to provide Hope & Care bags designed to meet the basic needs of homeless individuals who seek emergency shelter. In April, we will supply hygiene products for women and children to be delivered before Mother's Day. The following products may be placed in a plastic shopping bag and brought to the school office. They will be used for a single woman or a woman with children.

- \*Body Wash (1), Deodorant (1), Toothbrush (1)
- \*Comb (1), Brush (1), Shampoo (1)
- \*Conditioner (1), Razors (2)
- \*Lotion (1), Clippers (1), Lip Balm (1)
- \*Travel Tissue (2), Shave cream (1)

The need is great. Last year almost 1100 people received shelter at the Mission. Your participation sends a message to the homeless that people in the community are indeed the hands and feet of Christ. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Schoenknecht or the school office. Drop off boxes marked (Operation Hope and Care) will be in the school office and in the wooden cabinet in the church narthex.



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April 2017

As our month begins, we see new life being renewed as warmer weather comes and plants begin to show their new growth. We also grow in the celebration of the risen Lord, as we live each day as His Easter people! Dear Lord, help us to show the joy and blessings we receive each day through Your Son, Jesus Christ! Amen.

Here is a list of the up-coming school activities for the month of April:

- Apr. 3           Classes resumes
- Apr. 7           Theme Shirt Day, ½ day of class~ end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, release at 11:15 a.m. & P.T.L. Life-Sized Game Night from 6-8 p.m.
- Apr. 14-17      Easter Break
- Apr. 20           Religion, Art & Music Fair from 5-7 p.m.
- Apr. 28           Lutheran Schools Music Festival ~ St. Paul, Millington hosting ~ NO SCHOOL



## School Musical Opportunities



Apr. 9	K-8 students Junior Bells	Choice of Service 11:00 a.m.
Apr. 23	Music Festival Group	8:30 a.m.
Apr. 28	Lutheran Schools Music Festival	All Day



### Spartan Sports

Our basketball season for boys and girls on the C-teams has come to an end. Thank you to all of the fans, parents and coaches for a learning and growing season.

Now we start our Spring Sports schedules.

**TRACK:**

April 22	Boys Volleyball & Girls Soccer at Valley Lutheran High School	TBA
April 29	St. Michael Invitational at Reese	TBA

We have many programs going on throughout the school year that earn money for St. Paul: Box-Tops for Education, can tabs, Lays and Campbell soup labels, ink cartridges, SCRIP, Meijer and Kroger programs as well as gift cards for Central Shop-Rite, Meijer and Marathon gas stations. See the school office for more information.

*He is risen... He is risen INDEED!*



# Daily Lectionary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Lectionary April 2017 LSB: pp. 299-304	Notes from: <u>Lutheran Bible Companion, Vol 1: Introduction and OT</u> , cph 2014, <b>Exodus</b> - pp. 69 – 96.					
2 Ex 11:22 (Lent 5) Mk 14:12-31 Ps 129	3 Ex 2:1-22 Mk 14:32-52 Ps 31:9-14	4 Ex 2:23 -- 3:22 Mk 14:53-72 Ps 39:1-7	5 Ex 4:1-18 Mk 15:1-15 Ps 18:6-7, 16-20	6 Ex 4:19-31 Mk 15:16-32 Ps 69:33-36	7 Ex 5:1 -- 6:1 Mk 15:33-47 Ps 22:1-5	8 Ex 7:1-25 Mk 16:1-20 Ps 78:52-55
9 Ex 8:1-32 (Palm S) Heb 1:1-14 Ps 71:19-24	10 Ex 9:1-28 Heb 2:1-18 Ps 35:1-6, 9-10	11 Ex 9:29 -- 10:20 Heb 3:1-19 Ps 88:3-9	12 Ex 10:21 -- 11:10 Heb 4:1-16 Ps 89:20-27	13 Ex 12:1-28 Heb 5:1-14 Ps 37:1-7	14 Ex 12:29-32, 13:1-16 Heb 6:1-20 Ps 135:1-4, 8-9	15 Ex 13:17 -- 14:9 Heb 7:1-22 Ps 37:1-7
16 Ex 14:10-31 (Easter) Heb 7:23 -- 8:13 Ps 96:1-3, 6, 11-13	17 Ex 15:1-18 Heb 9:1-28 Ps 13	18 Ex 15:19 -- 16:12 Heb 10:1-18 Ps 81:1-7	19 Ex 16:13-35 Heb 10:19-39 Ps 134	20 Ex 17:1-16 Heb 11:1-29 Ps 114	21 Ex 18:5-27 Heb 12:1-24 Ps 145:1-9	22 Ex 19:1-25 Heb 13:1-21 Ps 30:3-12
23 Ex 20:1-24 (Easter 2) Lk 4:1-15 Ps 119:9-16	24 Ex 22:20 -- 23:13 Lk 4:16-30 Ps 146	25 Ex 23:14-33 Lk 4:31-44 Ps 26:1-3, 8-12	26 Ex 24:1-18 Lk 5:1-16 Ps 99:1-5	27 Ex 25:1-22 Lk 5:17-39 Ps 119:25-32	28 Ex 31:1-18 Lk 6:1-19 Ps 92:1-9	29 Ex 32:1-14 Lk 6:20-38 Ps 106:16-23
30 Ex 32:15-35 (Easter 3) Lk 6:39-49 Ps 119:49-56	Ex 34:6-7 – The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."					

The Book of Exodus gets its name from one of the major events it records—a matter of only a chapter (14), but of such towering significance theologically that the extension of the name to the entire book is entirely justified. Exodus play a role in the OT comparable to the Gospels in the New. The exodus event is the heart of the OT “gospel,” and the word *redeem* comes to be forever bound to it. The theme of Exodus is “I will take you to be My people, and I will be your God” (Ex 6:7), which taught Israel about its unique place among the nations. The first part of the book (chs 1-19) tells of the mighty deeds of God to create this nation by delivering it out of Egypt’s house of bondage. In the second part (chs 20-40), God makes clear at Mt. Sinai how the people are to acknowledge Him as their covenant God.

**Key Texts in Exodus** – The Ten Commandments (20:1-17) are the core text of the book of the covenant and remain foundational to religious practice and to modern legal systems. To fend off suspicion that the OT is legalistic, it is grammatically noteworthy that the Ten Commandments use indicative rather than imperative verbs. These state what the believer who has experienced God’s grace will voluntarily do, not commands of what he must do to deserve or earn God’s love. They represent the boundaries of God’s kingship, beyond which the believer will not stray, but within which he is essentially free to respond joyfully and voluntarily, ... Arguably, the most important text in Exodus is God’s self confession, in which He declares that He is both merciful and just (34:6-7). The passage describes God’s two ways of working with Israel, which become constant themes in OT history and in Christian theology, embodied in the proper distinction between Law and Gospel. The words of Ex 34:6-7 as cited in Dt 5:9, 7:9 - Ne 9:31 - Jer 32:18 - Dn 9:4 - Jl 2:13 - Mi 7:18-20; indicate their core role in OT doctrine and the unity of scriptural teaching.

**Application** – Chs 35-40 – Our true rest is in the one true God, who grants life, peace, and all blessings. For God’s people, work begins as an act of faith motivated by God’s Word. He works through a plan, through means, and through people. When the fullness of time came (Gal 4:4), Jesus enacted the plan laid before eternity (Eph 1:4) and built a heavenly city with foundations (Heb 11:10 - Rv 21:9-27). In the Gospels, Jesus compares the tabernacle and Herod’s temple with the temple of His body (Mt 27:40 - Jn 2:19-22), by which we have full remission of sin. By the temple of Jesus’ body, we approach the Father. The glory of the Lord continues in Word and Sacrament, through which Christ lives in and with us.



# April 2017

St. Paul Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 8:30AM Worship +C</b> Church Choir 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship</b> Church Choir 12:30-2:30PM Jr. Youth 6-8PM HS Youth	<b>3</b> 7PM Handbells	<b>4</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Youth Team Meeting 6PM Painting 7:30PM Stewardship 7:30PM AA	<b>5</b> 9AM Bible Study <b>4PM Worship</b> Men's Choir 5-6PM Dinner 6PM Choir 6:30PM Social Concerns 7:30PM Council	<b>6</b> 6:15PM Praise Team 7:15PM Evangelism	<b>7</b> <i>½ Day School</i> 1:30PM Pack Lunches for Rescue Mission 6PM Life Size Game Night	<b>8</b> 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 10AM-7PM Scrapbooking/Crafts 10AM Saginaw Rescue Mission <b>7:30PM Worship +C</b>
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:30AM Worship</b> - K-8 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship +C</b> K-8 & Jr. Bells 1:30PM Voters' Meeting Trustees following	<b>10</b> 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministers	<b>11</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting 6PM Dorcas 6:30PM Board of Ed. 7:30PM -Heroes -AA	<b>12</b> 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir	<b>13 Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>7PM Worship +C</b> Church Choir	<b>14 Good Friday</b> <i>No School</i> <b>1:30PM Worship</b> <b>7PM Tenebrae</b> Messenger Deadline	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Easter</b> <b>6:30AM Sunrise Worship</b> 7:30-9:30AM Easter Breakfast <b>8:30AM Worship +C</b> <b>11AM Blended Worship +C</b>	<b>17</b> <i>No School</i>	<b>18</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>19</b> 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir	<b>20</b> 5-7PM Religion, Art, & Music Festival 6:30PM Praise Team	<b>21</b> 3-5PM Jr. Youth	<b>22</b> <b>7:30PM Worship +C</b>
<b>23 8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship +C Contemp.</b> 6-8 PM HS Youth	<b>24</b> 7PM -Handbells -Stephen Ministers	<b>25</b> 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Painting 7:30PM AA	<b>26</b> 9AM Bible Study 6:53PM Choir 7:30PM Elders	<b>27</b> 5:30-8PM Trivia Night 6:15PM Praise Team	<b>28</b> <i>No School</i> Music Festival at St. Paul	<b>29</b> <b>7:30PM Worship</b>
<b>30 8:30AM Worship</b> 9:45AM Bible Study Sunday School <b>11AM Worship Contemp.</b> 12PM Secret Angel Luncheon/Conf. Rehearsal						

# Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Sextons

April	1/2	8/9	16	22/23	29/30
<b>Acolytes</b>			Easter		
7:30PM	Zac & Nic Yorke		(6:30AM) Levi & Heath Keinath	Kailee & Chad Fackler	Alden & Jay Rodammer
8:30AM	Hoards	Kristen Skouson	Dani & Matt Ayotte	Paige & Matt Ayotte	Hoards
11AM	Madelyn Gray	Isabel Ketels	Brandon & Mark Rude	Andrew & Mike Hoard	Grace & Tim Brown
<b>Screen Tech</b>					
7:30PM	Logan Curtis	Meagan Tolbert	Caden Wilson	Meagan Tolbert	
8:30AM	Landon Kern	Singers	Paige Ayotte	Ill's	Singers
11AM	Levi Keinath	Paige Ayotte	Julie Keinath	Hunter Ayotte	Hunter Ayotte
<b>Greeters</b>					
7:30PM	Shelli Lugg	Betty Bleuer	Laura Sherman		
8:30AM	Shirely Petzold	Ken & Kathy Ill			
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin, Keith & Heidi Woolwine	Jason & Heather Jones	
Subs	Sherry Sebert				

## Ushers

### **8:30AM Service**

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

### **11AM Service**

Captain – Tim Daenzer  
 Assistant – Tim Brown  
 Matt Ayotte  
 Abby Brown  
 Tedd Burton  
 Corey Daenzer  
 Larry Henderson  
 Jason Ketels  
 Arlyn Marks  
 Eddie Meeks  
 Rod Wilson

## Ushers

Captain – Jeffrey Yorke  
 Chad Fackler  
 Marc Keinath

## Church Sextons

Mathew & Angela Ayotte  
 Armand & Faye Carmona  
 Ed & Marcia Keinath  
 Ted & Katrina Wager  
 Rod & Nancy Wilson

## Altar Guild Communion Set-Up

7:30PM - Amy Yorke  
 8:30AM - Vicki Albert  
 11AM - Kristin Hoard/Julie Rude



*Thank you to our many volunteers who give their time to help with the worship services.  
 May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.  
 You are appreciated!*

# Birthday Celebrations

Jeffrey Kennard	4/1	Jilanna Shufelt	4/11	Brookelyn Finatri	4/23
Alex Lee	4/1	Brandon Skank	4/11	Alyssa Frahm	4/23
Colleen Loomis	4/1	Anika Sykes	4/11	MaKella Opperman	4/23
Hailey McPherson	4/1	Lucas White	4/11	Ruth Ann Petzold	4/23
Sean O'Connor	4/1	Marla Coggins	4/12	Michelle Rohraff	4/23
David Reinert	4/1	Valerie Dennis	4/12	Cameron Wilson	4/23
Amelia Wagner	4/1	Robert Figgins	4/12	Nathan Bierlein	4/24
William Bassett	4/2	Sheila Haynes	4/12	Nathan Bierlein	4/24
Keagan Butterfield	4/2	Nathan Meier	4/12	Bette Chambal	4/24
Kierrah Butterfield	4/2	John Osborn	4/12	Noah Reinbold	4/24
Bonnie Draper	4/2	Tyler Sutton	4/12	Bernice Schiefer	4/24
Margie Scannell	4/2	Sophia Gleason	4/13	Joshua Torrey	4/24
Erin Schwab	4/2	Eric Hoard	4/13	April Yatsevich	4/24
Mollie Torres	4/2	Kathryn Sheppard	4/13	Claire Erlenbeck	4/25
Robert Wager	4/2	Arthur Weber	4/14	Debbie Galant	4/25
Angel Gorsuch	4/3	Zachery White	4/14	Nicholas Pennington	4/25
Brendan Johnson	4/3	Anita Carmona	4/15	Morgaine Anderson	4/26
Tobin Keinath	4/3	Tiffany Erickson	4/15	Zachary Cunningham	4/26
Jack Reinert	4/3	Jay Mitchell	4/15	Delores Damm	4/26
Rebecca Schuler	4/3	Melanie Reinert	4/15	Michelle Dice	4/26
Ann Sergent	4/3	Tamara Schultz	4/15	Amanda Hergenreder	4/26
Pamela Engelhart	4/4	Faith Stratton	4/15	Owen Reinig	4/26
Seth Mittler	4/4	Shellie Watchpocket	4/15	Brian Rondo	4/27
Janet Reinert	4/4	Donald Coleman	4/16	Joshua Roth	4/27
Ethan Hoard	4/5	Leah Denome	4/16	William Badgley	4/28
Steven Holmes Jr.	4/5	Rachel DuRussel	4/16	Bethany Erdman	4/28
Mark Husted	4/5	Ryan Goodhue	4/16	Madison ILL	4/28
Ryan Keinath	4/5	Sidney Werner	4/16	Richard Latham	4/28
Kelsi McAlister	4/5	Ellia Licavoli	4/17	John Petzold	4/28
David Rogers	4/5	Kolten O'Neil	4/17	Bradley Bonadurer	4/29
Crystal Snyder	4/5	Carol Saeger	4/17	Jon Fritz	4/29
Zachary Wolfer	4/5	Sarah Thayer	4/17	Lori Holtsberry	4/29
Joshua Wooldridge	4/5	Gavin Blue	4/18	James Koch	4/29
Carlee Allard	4/6	Armand Carmona	4/18	Edwyn Maschke	4/29
James Dues	4/6	Hunter Figgins	4/18	Nicholas Yorke	4/29
Anthony Marks	4/6	Sawyer Keinath	4/18	Diana Allard	4/30
Jacob Myers	4/6	Duane Maas	4/18	Reese Ehrhardt	4/30
Earl Sergent	4/6	Mandy Skinner	4/18	Terence Frixen	4/30
Beth Todd	4/6	Tamera Smith	4/18	Mason Ley	4/30
Lisa Bentley	4/7	David Balcom	4/19	Hudson Ruppel	4/30
Bradley Isetts	4/7	Bridgett Greenan	4/19	Cali Stadler-Anderson	4/30
Sharon Jensen	4/7	Virginia Reinert	4/19		
Kayli Leix	4/7	Brittany Sayyae	4/19		
Taylor Rueger	4/7	Cameron Bierlein	4/20		
Haley Wood	4/7	Philip Erlenbeck	4/20		
David Ackerman	4/8	Mary Michael	4/20		
Leah Dale	4/8	Martin Powell	4/20		
Christina Detgen	4/8	Leonard Ross	4/20		
Matthew Johnston	4/8	Nicole Stiff	4/20		
Mark Merriam	4/8	Katrina Wager	4/20		
Trevor Smith	4/8	Howard Wells	4/20		
Angela Ayotte	4/9	Angela Burton	4/21		
Hunter Dennis	4/9	Hillary Esterline	4/21		
Dylan Herrick	4/9	Bryan Horning	4/21		
Bradley Lich	4/9	Zi'Kaira Koch	4/21		
Clinton Schwab	4/9	Kourtnei Petzold	4/21		
Jenna Albrecht	4/10	Crystal Schmitt	4/21		
Dakota Bouck	4/10	Ian Stiff	4/21		
Rebekah Jones	4/10	Sasha Arnett	4/22		
Brody Norman	4/10	Bryan Bonadurer	4/22		
Kathy Rasmussen	4/10	Patrick Duve	4/22		
Cadence Ratza	4/10	Matthew Greenan	4/22		
Rudy Stock	4/10	Timothy Jolly	4/22		
Dakota Davies	4/11	Shelley Shollack	4/22		
Lucianna Mason	4/11	James Weber	4/22		
Jonathan Matzke	4/11	Nancy Bastian	4/23		
Avery Mays	4/11	James Bruner	4/23		

*Happy  
Birthday!*



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# Monthly Messenger

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