



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

November 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,

"O Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1)

We have a lot to be thankful for in 2021.

We've made it through, I pray, the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We've begun our 116th year of school. We've returned to our pre-pandemic worship schedule. We've relaunched our Sunday morning bible study hour, "Faith on Fire", with a focus on everyone studying the same bible story. This month, we will pay off our building debt for the Activity Center 4 months early! All this is in addition to the Word and Sacrament ministry we've been carrying on for 124 years, which is the primary reason we are here. Our sins are forgiven. Our salvation is secure. These things we have through faith in Jesus Christ.

We have a lot to be thankful for. The Lord is good.

But we also have a lot to give thanks for as we begin to look forward to 2022 and our 125th anniversary as the body of Christ here at St. Paul. As we prepare to celebrate all of the amazing things God has done for the last 125 years, we look forward to joining God on His mission into the future. For this we give thanks, for God's steadfast love endures forever. And because God's steadfast love endures forever, we can joyfully look to the future with grateful hearts and open arms.

With grateful hearts we will continue to receive God's good gifts. With grateful hearts we will continue to worship, serve, and give from what God has blessed us with. With grateful hearts we will continue to support our pastors, teachers, staff, and volunteers with what they need to do the ministry they are called to do.

With open arms we will continue to welcome members and visitors to our worship services and other events. With open arms we will continue to welcome children and families into our school. With open arms we will continue to share what we have with those who have a need, thereby showing the love of Christ to all.

Our mission statement is: "We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all". Being "saved by grace, through faith" causes us to say, "Thank You, Lord. You are good!" Being "God's servants...commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all" causes us to realize God's steadfast love endures forever, and it's for everyone. You. Me. Everyone.

Furthermore, we are a valuable piece of God's love as we, with grateful hearts and open arms, continue to do what we've been doing for the last 124 years. We are a valuable piece of His love as we continue to reach out in new ways to seek the lost and share the Word of Christ to them. We are valuable because Jesus died and rose for us.

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In Christ,
Pastor Tim Martinal

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Worship Services
Saturday 7 P.M.
Sunday 8:30 & 11AM
(11AM Also live-streamed)

Faith on Fire
Bible Study & Sunday School
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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The November Messenger is sponsored in Memory of Clayton Damm on what would have been his 75th birthday, from Faith.

Worship News / Bible Studies

Worship Service Times

Saturday at 7PM

Sunday at 8:30 & 11AM

Bible Study & Sunday School at 9:45AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11AM

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM
2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &
Sat. eve of that weekend

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

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

Contact Information

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



Coffee Hour

Between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." Volunteers needed (boards, families, friends, etc.) to sign up for a date or two to host. This includes bringing the snacks, making the coffee, and cleaning up. Sign up sheet in the Gathering Room.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on
TCT Net. (DirectTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

Valley Lutheran Door Offering

The ministry of Christian education at Valley Lutheran has been enhanced tremendously. Lives are being changed through daily academic excellence and the teaching of God's Word. Students are developing into young men and women ready to serve God and others with their life. Your prayers and financial support will enable young people to continue to grow in their faith and passion to serve others. You can contribute at any time to Valley Lutheran or participate in the door offering planned for October 30-31 and November 6-7. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



"Faith on Fire" between services. The new Enduring Faith curriculum brings the truth of God's Word to you and your children at a level which will be both fun and engaging for the whole family. This flexible curriculum nurtures life-long disciples of Jesus.

Preschool-Grade 2 Faith Spark: Meet in the Child-care Room. Discover Leaflets have interactive coloring and drawing activities.

Grades 3-5 Faith Flare: Meet in the Projects Room. Bible Guidebooks have colorful images to draw in students.

Grades 6-8 Faith Ignite: Meet in the Computer Room. Defend Journals have thought-provoking questions to encourage critical-thinking skills.

Grades 9-12 Faith Flame: Meet in the Youth Room. More in-depth Defend Journals help students defend their faith to those who may challenge them.

Adults Faith Blaze: Meet in the Library. Study God's Word in Pastor's Bible Study.

We also offer adult supervised toddler care for children too young to attend the early childhood program. Materials include opportunities for parents to extend the lesson into the week with their children. Strengthen the faith of your entire family by attending this program. Looking forward to parents bringing their children to learn God's Word and then attending Pastor's Bible Study.

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study - Join us on Sat., Nov. 6th at 8AM in the Library.

Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in the Library. Are you chosen? What are you chosen for? Come join us as we walk through the life of Jesus with the program "The Chosen".

Couples Bible Study - Have a better Christ-filled marriage! We dare you!! The "Love Dare" is a journey every couple needs to take. Whether your marriage is hanging on by a string or healthy and strong, come, find the We will meet every 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

In-Home Small Group Bible Study sign up sheet is on the glass case in the narthex. Plan to become part of a group to study God's Word with your fellow Christians. **If you are interested in being an In-Home Bible Study Leader**, please call Steve Kern at 989-448-1069.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

Upcoming Events

Quilting

Tuesdays at 1PM in the Parish Hall. No special skills needed and newcomers are always welcome! See you there!

Zumba

Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM and Saturdays at 10AM in the Activity Center. \$1 at the door!

BUTTERHORN Workshop!!!

Come and learn how to make BUTTERHORNS before the Bazaar and just in time for Christmas baking season. Two workshops available. Monday November 1st at 6:30PM or Wednesday, November 3rd at 1PM.

\$10.00 covers ingredients. You will go home with a dozen fresh Butterhorns and we will have some to freeze for the Bazaar. Workshops will be at Lola Wendt's catering kitchen 5152 Birch Run Rd.

Sign up on the glass case in the narthex to reserve your spot. Workshops will be limited to 10 people.

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is coming Tues., Nov. 2nd from 5-6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available in the school and church office. \$10 minimum donation each includes soup, homemade bread, dessert, a handmade bowl made by students, and an entry for door prizes. Please come support our 3rd & 4th graders as they work to help the hungry in our community. We are also in need of desserts, door prizes and silent auction items for that evening. Any questions please see Patti Martinal.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sun., Nov. 7th
Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Church Elections

Sat., Nov. 13th after the service, Sun., Nov. 14th between services and after the 11AM service.

Take a moment to look over the Ballot and Biographies in the narthex. Any congregational member that has attended a Voters' Meeting this calendar year, and anyone 65 or older are eligible to vote.

Shopping Bus Trip

Nov 13th 7AM- 8PM

We have a few seats left for the Deer Widow's Weekend Shopping Trip to RiverTown Crossings, Grandville, MI. Cost is \$30.00 and the bus will leave St. Paul at 7AM and return around 8PM. Call the church office if you are interested.

Dorcas LWML Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 13th from 9AM-3PM in the Parish Hall. Luncheon from 11AM-1:30PM. St. Paul students shop on Thurs., Nov. 11th. Homemade Candies, Baked Goods, Popcorn Balls, Cookie Walk, Rag Rugs, Craft Items, Plants, Quilts, & More! Proceeds to toward school and church projects. Vendors welcome – contact Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 if interested.

Scrapbooking

Sat., Nov. 20th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall. \$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass. Call the school office to RSVP.

happy
Thanksgiving

November 25th

Toys and Joys

Dec. 11th from 10AM-2PM
We are still in need of **lots** of **new** toys for this event. These toys will be offered to our community for low, low prices to help offset their Christmas expenses. We are also in need of helpers the day of the event. Please label your item "Toys and Joys." You can drop off your items in the church lobby or at the church office. There is also a sign up sheet to help by the toy display in the lobby. Thank you!



Area News

Valley Lutheran Parent Organization will be hosting a **fall bazaar** on November 13th from 9AM-3PM in the gymnasium of Valley Lutheran High School. There will be lots of items to choose from and we only have a few vendor spots left! If you have questions, please contact Heidi Behnke at the school office at 989-790-1676.

Calendar/Door Scheduling

With activities and sporting events happening, please remember – if you need to book an event, practice, or meeting, **you need to check with the church office to be sure the date is available.**

Remember - If you need the **doors unlocked** for your event, call the church office at least a few days in advance so we can have them set for you. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!



St. Paul Lutheran School

November 2021

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.

God has richly blessed us in so many ways! He has blessed us with another beautiful landscape of His autumn creation with a gorgeous array of color all around us. During this month, we prepare for many special family events, even if they maybe in different ways than we usually gather. Let's set aside some time to really thank Him for what we have been blessed with and remember that He is ALWAYS with us along that pathway, giving us His mercy every day!

Our school has been blessed to be face-to-face since August. We ask that you continue to pray for the students, teacher/pastors, and staff. Pray that we all stay healthy and that we continue to remember daily that Christ is before all and in Him ALL things are held together!

Important November Dates



Nov. 2	Empty Bowls 5-6:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Half Day of classes dismissal at 11:15 a.m.
Nov. 7	Daylight Savings Time (Fall back 1 hour)
Nov. 11	Kids shop the Dorcas Bazaar
Nov. 11-18	BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 23	Half Day of classes dismissal at 11:15 a.m. NO BUS
Nov. 22 & 23	Parent Teacher Conferences (3-7 p.m./ 12-4 p.m.)
Nov. 24-28	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation



November Sports



We are thankful for a safe season for the girls' volleyball & soccer teams. Thank you for your support throughout the seasons. Now we move into the basketball seasons. The girls start the play followed by the boys' game. Find a way to show your support for the children as they use their God-given talents. Check with the office for any changes.

Girl's & Boy's B-team Basketball

Nov. 4	with St. Michael's, Richville (BOYS ONLY)	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	with St. Michael's, Richville (BOYS ONLY)	TBA
Nov. 8	with Christ the King, Sebewaing	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	with St. Michael's, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	with St. Michael's, Richville (GIRLS ONLY)	6:45 p.m.
Nov. 12	with Immanuel.Trinity	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	with St. Michael's, Richville (GIRLS ONLY)	TBA
Nov. 16	at St. Paul, Flint	4:30 p.m.
Nov.19	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	6:00 p.m.



School Musical Opportunities



Nov. 14	Free Spirit Choir (4-8 th grades)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 21	Junior Bells (Saturday Night)	7:00 p.m.



Happy Thanksgiving



Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Daily Lectionary / Scripture / Special Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November Daily Lectionary	1 Deut. 34:1-12 Matt. 21:1-22	2 Jer. 1:1-19 Matt. 21:23-46	3 Jer. 3:6-4:2 Matt. 22:1-22	4 Jer. 5:1-19 Matt. 22:23-46	5 Jer. 7:1-29 Matt. 23:1-12	6 Jer. 8:18-9:12 Matt. 23:13-39
7 Jer. 11:1-23 Matt. 24:1-28	8 Jer. 20:1-18 Matt. 24:29-51	9 Jer. 22:1-23 Matt. 25:1-13	10 Jer. 23:1-20 Matt. 25:14-30	11 Jer. 23:21-40 Matt. 25:31-46	12 Jer. 25:1-18 Matt. 26:1-19	13 Jer. 26:1-19 Matt. 26:20-35
14 Jer. 29:1-19 Matt. 26:36-56	15 Jer. 30:1-24 Matt. 26:57-75	16 Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34 Matt. 27:1-10	17 Jer. 33:1-22 Matt. 27:11-32	18 Jer. 37:1-21 Matt. 27:33-56	19 Jer. 38:1-28 Matt. 27:57-66	20 Dan. 1:1-21 Matt. 28:1-20
21 Dan. 2:1-23 Rev. 18:1-24	22 Dan. 2:24-49 Rev. 19:1-21	23 Dan. 3:1-30 Rev. 20:1-15	24 Dan. 4:1-37 Rev. 21:1-8	25 Dan. 5:1-30 Rev. 21:9-27	26 Dan. 6:1-28 Rev. 22:1-21	27 Is. 1:1-28 1 Pt. 1:1-12
28 Is. 2:1-22 1 Pt. 1:13-25	29 Is. 5:1-25 1 Pt. 2:1-12	30 Is. 6:1-7:9 1 Pt. 2:13-25				

Special Services

Thanksgiving Nov. 25th - 10AM +C

Christmas Concert Sun., Dec. 5th - 4PM

Advent Services at 6:30PM
 Dec. 1st - Pre-School/Kindergarten
 Dec. 8th - 1st-3rd Grade
 Dec. 15th - 4th-8th Grade
 Dec. 22nd - Christmas Sing-Along

Christmas Eve Candlelight - 6PM & 9PM

Christmas Day - 10AM +C

No Service on Sun., Dec. 26th

New Year's Eve - 6PM

No Service on Sat., Dec. 1st

Sun., Jan. 2nd - 8:30AM Traditional +C

11AM Contemporary

Scripture Readings

Nov. 7th

Rev. 7:9-17
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matt. 5:1-12

Nov. 14th

Dan. 12:1-3
 Heb. 10:11-25
 Mark 13:1-13

Nov. 21st

Is. 51:4-6
 Rev. 1:4b-8
 Mark 13:24-37

Nov. 28th

Jer. 33:14-16
 1 Thess. 3:9-13
 Luke 19:28-40



Many, Many Thanks!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 We want to thank you for the extra special effort made during October to show your appreciation for our ministry among you. We are grateful for the cards, gifts and other expressions of kindness you have shown us. We are blessed by you at many other times of the year, so we are thankful to God for all the ways that you honor us. It is a joy to serve you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd and ultimate Servant.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Jim Bruner

Pastor Tim Martinal

Financial Summary / Memorials / Serve / Misc.

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 9/30/2021:	\$42,808.81
Debt free date if nothing changes: November 2021	
Balance as of 9/30/21 in contingency fund:	\$26,343.26
September offerings received to pay mortgage sent to CEF in Oct.	\$9,918.24
Smith estate balance paid on principal in September	\$4,749.45
September 2021 Mortgage Payment: P-\$9,660.33;I-\$339.67	\$10,000.00

September 2021 Income & Expense Summary

September General Fund Income:	\$63,272.89
September General Fund Expenses:	\$77,253.09
September surplus (deficit)	\$(13,980.20)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$(36,142.88)
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$129,029.53

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$94,661.59
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$71,052.10
All Memorials balance:	\$18,676.27
Total** This money is RESTRICTED***	\$184,389.96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund September	\$233.26
Here We Stand door offering September	\$698.26

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, and Donate

Church Sexton trainees needed. We are looking for a couple to help with weekend services, weddings and funerals. Our Sextons work on a rotating basis. Contact the church office if interested or if questions.

We are also looking for more help on our **Altar Guild**. There are many behind the scene jobs the Altar Guild is in charge of, so if you can help in any way, please call the church office. Needing the most help right now is set up for 8:30AM communion and linens & vestments.

Volunteers are needed at the school! We have many different ways for you to serve. Call the school office if you can help in any way.

If you wish to contribute to the **anniversary fund**, please put your donation in an envelope marked "125th Anniversary" and place in the box in the narthex or bring to the church office.

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Nov. 12th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Vic Schwab Jr.	
General Fund	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$35.00
School Fund	\$65.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$15.00
In Memory of Arnold Trinklein	
General Fund	\$27.00
Anonymous Donation	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Honor of Howard Maurer's 90th Birthday	
General Fund	\$65.00

Messenger Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a Messenger for 2022, please call the church office. The cost is \$75.00 per month.

Altar Flowers

The 2022 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.

Meetings

Council

Wed., Nov. 3rd at 6:30PM in the Library

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Nov. 8th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Dorcias

Tues., Nov 16th at 6PM in the Parish Hall -
New members are always welcome!

Elders

Wed., Nov. 24th at 6:30PM in the Gathering Room

Support St. Paul and Bring in Your Used Ink Cartridges

Please keep bringing in your ink 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. **Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted.** Please only bring in small ink cartridges. Thank you!



November Birthdays



Bradyn Henderson	1	Don Bierlein	11	Joyce Wager	20
Kylie Gaval	1	Myrna Clouse	12	Leon Kuberski	20
Tammy Weber	2	Millie Maurer	12	Jamie Fackler	21
George Corrigan, III	2	Nathan Bouck	12	Benjamin Shreve	21
Trisha Ferrier	3	Marshall Sebert	12	Hailey Paquette	22
Dawn Meacham	4	Janice Gordon	13	Christian Selich	22
Melissa Petzold	4	Violet Hornfeld	13	Sarah Stewart	22
Connor Erlenbeck	5	Maggie Cobb	13	Tony Kohler	23
Grace Erlenbeck	5	Swayzii Sebert	13	Danny Detgen	23
Jillian Fackler	5	Evan Hoard	14	Sarah Jolly	23
Chuck Eilers	6	Brandon Rude	14	Annabelle Hayden	23
Hailey Ketels	6	Randall Daenzer	14	Amanda Maschke	23
Brett Bassett	6	Amy Saeger	14	Laura Blue	24
Austin Koch	6	Austin Weber	14	Ann McPherson	24
Landon Petzold	7	Harland Goodhue	15	Jacob Gorsuch	24
Abby Skouson	7	Rachel Higgins	15	Emily Hunt	24
Steve Adamic	7	Kellie Reinert	15	Lillie Keinath	24
Tasha Devereaux	7	Shellie Cerasoli/Fraiser	15	Rodger Grulke	24
Randy Hutchinson	7	Michael Griesing	15	Shawn Bouck	25
Michael Sherman	7	Scott Koch	15	Jill Webster	25
Faith Damm	8	Aurelia Kissel	15	James MacKay	25
Tricia Borcharding	8	Jim Kribs	16	Joshua Lux	25
Sharon Gross	8	Joseph Bassett	16	Maddison Matthews	26
Peyton Schmandt	8	Joshua Sr Burns	16	Harry Keipinger	26
Ashleigh Carter	8	James, Sr. Henderson	16	Emma Zeck	26
Paul Keipinger	8	Caden Heike	17	Jill Erlenbeck	26
Monica Koeltzow	9	Nathan Burns	18	Jeremy Love	27
Zachary Maas	9	James Petzold	18	Nicole Smith	27
Les Miller	9	Roger Wendt	18	Cory Stange	27
Amanda Bickel	9	Kailee Fackler	18	Tracy Anderson	28
Becca Jacobs	9	Michael Soteropoulos	18	Brittany Nelson	28
Lori Jones	9	Brian White	18	David Wiacek	29
Stephanie Carlyon	10	Conner MacKay	19	Dakota Stevens	29
Richard Milostan	10	Easton Aguirre	19	Keira Wiacek	30
Ray Peche	10	Dylan Holmes	19	Earl Casto	30
Robin Rohn	10	David Hergenreder	19	Sharon Cunningham	30
Lisa Weiss	10	Arlene Perrault	19	Brandon Dormire	30
Alanna Kabat	10	John Clouse	20	Peyton Sheppard	30
Briana Schmandt	10	Bruce Edler	20		
Kenneth Wilson	10	Gail Holmes	20		



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Before you assume, learn the facts.
Before you judge, understand why.
Before you hurt someone, feel.
Before you speak, think.

