



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

November 2022

"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,

This time of year, we often reflect on the harvest, on our family, and on all the other things we are thankful for. As Christians, we give thanks to God as He is the one who gives us everything we need to support this body and life.

But are we content? Are we satisfied, at ease, at peace with all we have? Or do we often find ourselves anxious? Anxious about our harvest, or family, or inflation, or political unrest, or something else?

There are at least 4 common ways in which people try to be content. The first is, "If I have financial security, I'll be content". But I always wonder, how much is enough? Ask most millionaires and billionaires, and we'd probably be shocked by how many don't think they have enough. In Christ, we are more than our bank accounts.

The second common way is, "If I can control my thoughts and self-image and take charge of my life, then I'll be content". Is this even possible? Our world says you can, and some people appear to do this well. But at what price to themselves and others? What sacrifices were made to gain the world? Did it cost them their soul? In Christ, we are known by Him, and that's enough.

The third way is, "If my preferred political party is in power, then I'll be content". As is often common during an election cycle, we get caught up in a whirlwind of "our party is good, your party is evil" arguments. No party rises to power without God's knowledge. Whether "your party" is in "power" – this is a dangerous view of politics I'll save for another day – or not, God is always in control and active.

The final common way is, "If I can just escape the chaos of this life and world, I'll be content". People with this line of thinking fall into drug, alcohol, and sex abuse. They live online in Virtual worlds. They want to live off the grid or colonize the moon or Mars. Sitting out life reduces the possibility of sharing the God-given gifts and talents we've been given. There is much joy in sharing and serving with others.

Is there a way we can find contentment? St. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In Christ, we are not to be anxious about anything. Rather, we are to find contentment in our forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation in Jesus. In Jesus, we have a peace that passes all human understanding. A peace that doesn't depend on our possessions or circumstances. A peace that allows us to say with Paul, "I have learned in whatever situation to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

If we find ourselves anxious and filled with discontent, then we are most likely disconnected from God. If you feel this way, reconnect with God by daily reading the Bible and worshipping with us on the weekend. When we find rest in Jesus, there is peace, contentment, and strength to deal with anything life may bring. Having Him, we have all we'll ever need.

God's peace be with you and your families this Thanksgiving.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim Martinal

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Worship Services

Saturday 7PM

Sunday 8:30 & 11AM

(11AM Also live-streamed)

Bible Study/Sunday School

9:45AM

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The November Messenger is sponsored in honor of Ken & Kathy Ill on their 59th wedding anniversary on Nov. 13th. Believe it or not!

Worship Times / Scripture / Faith on Fire

St. Paul Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM
Livestream at 11AM

Bible Study/Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45AM

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30AM

2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &

Sat. eve of that weekend

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

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

Scripture Readings

Nov. 6th

Rev. 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matt. 5:1-12

Nov. 20th

Mal. 3:13-18

Col. 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

Nov. 13th

Mal. 4:1-6

2 Thess. 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-38

Nov. 27th

Is. 2:1-5

Rom. 13:11-14

Matt. 21:1-11

Messenger Sponsors

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

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@spsmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

Children's Bulletins

Children's Bulletin Drawing - If your **child completes and turns in their children's bulletin** in the marked box in the lobby, they are entered into a drawing for a gift to strengthen and encourage their faith. Once a month, one (1) bulletin will be drawn at random for the gift. Please include a name and contact information. Every week is another opportunity to enter. This is a great way to encourage your child to participate in worship.

FAITH ON FIRE

Sundays at 9:45AM

Preschool-Grade 2 Faith Spark: Discover Leaflets have interactive coloring and drawing activities.

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

Grades 6-8 Faith Ignite: Defend Journals have thought-provoking questions to encourage critical-thinking skills.

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

Adults Faith Blaze: Will study God's Word in Pastor's Bible Studies.

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care in the nursery for children too young to attend the early childhood program.

Coffee Hour between services in the Parish Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack before heading to "Faith on Fire." Volunteers needed to keep Coffee Hour going. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Faith on Fire Treasure Hunt Activity

Sunday, Nov. 6th at 9:45AM. This will be an outside event, but please meet in the Activity Center. (In case of bad weather, we will stay in the Activity Center.) Martin Luther had to "dig" for the "treasure of truth" in God's Word, so come join us for a Treasure Hunt of items that remind us of God's love and promises! All children welcome (sorry, big people.) Donations to help with the cost would be appreciated.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on

TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM

Upcoming Events / Meetings

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Zumba

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

Quilting

Quilting every Tuesday from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No skills necessary. Everyone is welcome. Come and see how God can use you to help those in need. See you there.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., Nov. 5th at 8AM in the Library.

Scrapbooking

Sat., Nov. 5th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

St. Paul SMORGASBORD

Good Eats and Great Fellowship NOV. 6th from 11 am – 2 pm in the Parish Hall

*Featuring.....Barbequed Chicken, Ham,
Homemade Meatballs, Sauerkraut/Sausage,
Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Mac -n- Cheese,
German Potato Salad, Squash, Green Beans,
Tossed Salad, Relish Tray, Rolls,
Assorted Homemade Desserts, Drinks*

\$14 – Adults (13 and older) and Take-Outs
\$10 – Children (5 yrs - 12 yrs)
\$5 – Children under 5

Tables of 10 or more may be reserved.

Lots of help and desserts are needed. There are many ways to help and students are welcome to volunteer for service hours. Sign up on the glass case in the back of the church or text/call Diane Bishop 810-288-8614 or email bishopclan@tds.net to help or reserve a table. Proceeds to assist with school expenses.

Calling All Veterans!

You answered the call once – please answer our call for all veterans to join us for a celebration on Fri., Nov. 11th at 10:15AM in the Parish Hall. This is for all who are presently serving or are a veteran from any service branch. Please call the church or school office at 989-871-4581 by Nov. 8th to let us know you are coming and also if you will be staying for a complimentary "Thanks" giving lunch.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 12th

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Ever Popular Luncheon 11:00AM – 1:30PM

Homemade Candies – Baked Goods,
Flavored Caramel Corn

Faith Based Projects, Rag Rugs,
Crochet & Knitted Items, Craft Items, Plants,
Quilts, Wood Items, Christmas Ornaments
Items for Children & Fish Pond
*Reasonable Prices

Vendors Welcome

Please contact Lori Osborn (989) 205-9873 or
Meagan Tolbert (989) 205-9863
Proceeds go towards Dorcas Project
CHILDREN SHOP THURS., NOV. 10th

Church Board Elections

Voting will be Nov. 12th & 13th before and after services in the Gathering Room. Reminder: Only voting members who have been active in the last year and anyone 65 or older are eligible to vote. A sample ballot and biographies are on the table in the narthex for your viewing.

Toys and Joys

Sat., Dec. 3rd from 10AM-2PM in the Parish Hall
We are collecting **new or like-new toys**, books, teen-ager gifts, etc. for **Toys and Joys**. Drop off boxes will be in the narthex and outside the offices. These toys will be offered to our community for low prices to help offset their Christmas expenses.

Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Nov. 1st at 5:30PM in the Council Room

Stewardship

Tues., Nov. 1st at 7PM

Council

Wed., Nov. 2nd at 6:30PM in the Library

Board of Education

Tues., Nov. 8th at 6PM

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Nov. 14th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Dorcas

Tues., Nov. 15th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

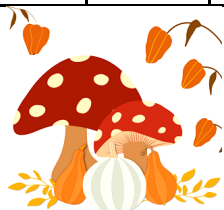
Elders

Wed., Nov. 23rd at 7PM in the Gathering Room



Daily Lectionary / Serve & Volunteer

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				



Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

Toys and Joys

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Mission Lunches

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Nov. 11th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

Altar Guild

Ladies: The **Altar Guild** is very much in need of additional help. This is an excellent way of serving your Lord. Please sign up for this in the narthex or see Fay Carmona.

Screen Techs, Acolytes, Live Stream Techs

We have many ways to serve here at St. Paul. We are in need of **Screen Techs, Acolytes, and Live Stream Techs**. Every one of these jobs only requires a little more than an hour of your time on a rotating basis. If you can only help a few times a year, that would be helpful as well. Training is provided and anyone 6th grade and up (this includes high school, college, and adult) is asked to think about it and let us know how you can help. **We ask that every 6-8 grader choose one way to serve.** This can also be used for 7th/8th grade servant hours. Please call the church office with any questions, or to be trained and added to the schedule. Thank you.

7th & 8th Grade Apple Pie Fundraiser

- Orders can be placed until Nov. 4th. Sign up on the glass case or call one of the offices.
- All orders and money are due by Mon., Nov. 7th.
- We will be assembling pies on Sat., Nov. 19th. If questions, please call the school office at 989-871-4581 ext. 4.

Kroger Program

- Create a Digital account or link your current one to St. Paul Millington.
- Link your card - 1. Sign into your account, 2. Search for St. Paul Millington. 3. enter the name or the NPO#AX595, 4. Select St. Paul from the list & SAVE
- What do we earn? At no extra cost to you, Kroger donates to organizations based on the percentage each participant spends. Thank you for your support!

Shop and Earn Money through Amazon Smile

If you already shop on Amazon, you are just one step away to earning money for St. Paul. Sign up at smile.amazon.com, add **St. Pauls Lutheran School** as your charity, and start shopping! It's that easy! We earn a percentage on every order.

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!

10 Reasons to Bring Your Children to Church

Did you know research shows that kids who attend church regularly are happier, healthier, and better-adjusted? Plus, church is a great place for kids to learn morals, virtues, and the Word of God.

As our culture slides further into depravity, kids need church more than ever. Our children are being constantly barraged with teachings that directly contradict Christian beliefs. If Christian parents don't actively work to undo this indoctrination, our children will soon have the same beliefs as the secular world.

Still not convinced? Here are 10 reasons why Christian parents need to take their kids to church.

#1: God Commands It

Many people believe that you don't need to go to church to be a good Christian. They know in their heart they probably should go to church, but they do not know why. Hebrews 10:24-25 explains it.

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

We need to go to church to have personal contact with other believers. When we meet together, we can inspire and encourage each other to grow in our faith. We can stir up one another to love and do good works.

Verse 25 specifically says not to neglect to meet together. Fellowshiping with other Christians is necessary not only for discipleship, but so that we can meet each other's needs.

#2: Church Teaches the Word of God

The Bible tells parents to raise their children with Christian discipline and instruction. (Ephesians 6:4) It also says to diligently teach your children the ways of God. (Deuteronomy 6:7) Note that these verses give the responsibility of training children to the parents, not the church. However, taking your kids to church is a great way to supplement your Christian instruction.

At church, our kids learn the Word of God through stories and lessons. They learn to worship God with songs of praise. Our "Faith on Fire" Sunday School reinforces what they hear in church. They hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing scripture. And they learn the principles of tithing by giving.

Our culture is actively seeking to secularize our kids and quash their Christian beliefs. This is no time to be complacent and think that church is not important. More than ever, our kids need to be in church, hearing the Word of God, to undo the damage being done by our culture.

#3: Church Provides a Loving, Supportive Community

Belonging to a good church is like having a caring second family. A church family is there to encourage, support, love, and help you in times of need. We all go through crises at some point in our life. We lose a job, loved one, or have health issues. Our church family is there to pray, comfort, and helps us with practical needs.

It's also a place where you can make lifelong friends with like-minded people. Jesus didn't do life alone. He spent time with other believers, and we're called to follow his example.

For kids, having a church family will give them an extra layer of security. They'll realize they have a group of people who love and watch out for them. It also gives them confidence to know they're not alone in their beliefs, but are surrounded by other like-minded kids.

#4: Church Strengthens Families

One of the best things parents can do for their kids is to have a stable, secure family. According to research reported by the Center for Law and Social Policy, children, on average, do best when raised by their two married, biological parents who have low-conflict relationships. That's where church comes in.

According to data compiled by University of Virginia sociologist W. Bradford Wilcox, married church-going Americans were more likely to describe themselves as "very happy" in their marriages than non-religious respondents. They were also less likely to get a divorce.

Can you relate from personal experience that going to church helps your marriage. Many times, a husband and wife have been at odds with one another before church. After hearing a message reminding them how to treat one another, it totally changes their attitude. The couple can humble themselves, apologize, and try to treat each other more honorably.

#5: Church Provides Opportunities to Help Others

Jesus said if you love him, to feed his sheep. (John 21:15) Basically, it means if you love Jesus, you need to help others. Having your kids get involved in church projects will train your children to follow Jesus's command to help others.

The church has all kinds of opportunities to help those in need. Kids can volunteer to work on community projects. They can rake leaves for a widow, or help raise money for the poor. Not only will this help the needy, but it will also instill the virtues of helpfulness, unselfishness, and generosity. In addition, it will teach your children to put their problems in perspective as they witness the difficulties of others.

#6: Church Provides Kids with Good Role Models

One of the reasons to be glad that your children grew up going to church is that they are surrounded by good role models. Their teachers and youth leaders inspired and challenged them to stay on the right path.

This was especially important in the teen years, when teenagers can become involved with the youth group. It also gives you the chance to become acquainted with parents of other teenagers. Hanging out together forms lasting friendships and can also reinforce what you are telling your children when they see and hear other parents saying the same things.

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#7: Churchgoers Enjoy Better Health and Well-being

There are numerous studies that indicate that church children do better as teens and later in life than un-churched children. Dr. Pat Fagan of the Center for Research on Marriage and Religion, did a study in which he compiled the independent findings of more than 100 social scientists. Dr. Fagan found that church children are less likely to get divorced later in life, are more able to overcome poverty, and do better in school.

Dr. Meg Meeker did a summary of research findings in her book *Strong Mothers, Strong Sons*. Dr. Meeker writes, "The studies found that faith improves a teen's chances of staying away from...drugs, drinking, sexual activity, and truancy." She also noted that faith increases self-esteem and decreases the risk of depression.

Other research studies show that people who attend church live longer and are healthier than the general population. According to preventative medicine expert Dr. Lynda Powell of Chicago's Rush University Medical Center, this may be because the church promotes healthier lifestyles. Most churches discourage the use of drugs, alcohol, and sex outside of marriage. At the same time, the church encourages congregants to connect with other believers to engage socially, which contributes to a person's emotional well-being.

#8: Church is a Great Place to Make Quality Friends

It's been said that you become who you hang out with. The Bible says it a little differently: *"He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."* (Proverbs 13:20)

Who your children spend time with is of the utmost importance. *"Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character."* (1 Corinthians 15:33) If your children's friends drink, smoke, and do drugs, it won't be long before your kids do too. If your children's friends are foul-mouthed and disrespectful, you'll see it show up in your children too.

That's why it's so important for kids to have friends of good influence. Church is a great place to find those types of friends. Will all of the kids at church be suitable playmates? Absolutely not, but you're more likely to find good friends at church than most other places.

It's also important for your kids to hang out with friends who are being raised with the same values. It can be very lonely as a kid to try to stay on the right path when everyone you know is headed down a different road. But if your children are surrounded with like-minded friends, it's a whole lot easier.

#9: Churchgoers Are Happier

According to the Pew Research Center, people who attend church regularly are much happier than those who do not attend church. The research found that people who attended church at least once a week or more were happier than those who went less often. And those who did not attend church at all were reported the least happy.

Today, more than ever, children need to attend church. Why? Because our culture feeds our kids a steady diet of fear, anxiety, and despair. No wonder there's so much depression and anxiety among young people! The church, on the other hand, offers messages of hope, inspiration, and peace.

#10: Taking Your Kids to Church Each Week Develops a Habit

The Bible instructs parents to *"train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he won't depart from it."* (Proverbs 22:6)

When you train someone, you do the same thing over and over until it becomes second nature. If we want our children to attend church as adults, we need to form the habit early. Our kids need to see that going to church on a weekly basis is a priority for you.

Most kids cannot drive or get to church on their own, therefore it is up to you to bring them. Remember, their eternal life is at stake.

If you've had a bad experience with a church in the past, please don't let that deter you from trying again. Churches are made up of imperfect people, many of whom are not spiritually mature. We all need God's grace and forgiveness daily, even people at church. That message is one everyone, kids and adults need to hear regularly. Volunteer and join groups. The more involved you are in church, the more likely it is you'll make friends, and feel like your church is a supportive second family.





November Birthdays



Bradyn Henderson	1	Kenneth Wilson	10	Joyce Wager	20
Kylie Gaval	1	Don Bierlein	11	Leon Kuberski	20
Tammy Weber	2	Myrna Clouse	12	Jamie Fackler	21
George Corrigan, III	2	Millie Maurer	12	Benjamin Shreve	21
Trisha Ferrier	3	Nathan Bouck	12	Hailey Paquette	22
Dawn Meacham	4	Marshall Sebert	12	Christian Selich	22
Melissa Petzold	4	Janice Gordon	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	James, Sr. Henderson	16	Harry Keipinger	26
Ashleigh Carter	8	Caden Heike	17	Emma Zeck	26
Paul Keipinger	8	Nathan Burns	18	Jill Erlenbeck	26
Monica Koeltzow	9	James Petzold	18	Jeremy Love	27
Zachary Maas	9	Roger Wendt	18	Nicole Smith	27
Les Miller	9	Kailee Fackler	18	Cory Stange	27
Amanda Bickel	9	Michael Soteropoulos	18	Tracy Anderson	28
Becca Jacobs	9	Brian White	18	Brittany Nelson	28
Lori Jones	9	Conner MacKay	19	David Wiacek	29
Stephanie Carlyon	10	Easton Aguirre	19	Dakota Stevens	29
Richard Milostan	10	Dylan Holmes	19	Keira Wiacek	30
Ray Peche	10	David Hergenreder	19	Earl Casto	30
Robin Rohn	10	Arlene Perrault	19	Sharon Cunningham	30
Lisa Weiss	10	John Clouse	20	Brandon Dormire	30
Alanna Kabat	10	Bruce Edler	20	Peyton Sheppard	30
Briana Schmandt	10	Gail Holmes	20		

Birthday Blessings to All!

Financial Summary / Memorials

September 2022 Income & Expense Summary

September General Fund Income:	\$77,527.64
September General Fund Expenses:	\$97,069.73
September surplus (deficit)	\$(19,542.09)
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$262,647.43
Gen Fund Checking Balance, including Child Care grants	\$381,647.14
Child Care grants available	\$235,500.00
Gen Fund Checking Balance, without Child Care grants	\$146,147.14

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$103,286.17
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$89,199.27
All Memorials balance:	\$19,449.44
** This money is RESTRICTED***	\$211,934.88
Contributions to Grantparent Fund September	\$460.00

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Marion Walz's Birthday
General Fund \$100.00

In Memory of Mike VanWormer
General Fund \$5.00

Valley Lutheran High School - Debt Free, Once Again!

Thanks be to God, Valley Lutheran is once again debt free! It was just three short years ago that we celebrated the completion of the original mortgage, and now thanks to God's provision and through the generosity of the 1,780 GROWING Campaign supporters, the expansion and improvements made through the campaign have been paid in full.

On Oct. 12th a mortgage "burning" celebration was held. The evening's celebration featured fellowship, delicious food, great speakers, some light-hearted fun, and wonderful music courtesy of the VL Brass Ensemble. And even though we couldn't actually burn the mortgage, we did discover some rather creative methods to dispose of the debt!

Each of the three building area additions were featured - the tuba players blew the mortgage into confetti, an athlete tore the document apart with his strength, and a chemical solution turned the organic paper into black carbon and then carbon dioxide. Whatever the method though, the message was the same - the mortgage is gone!

Every priority of the GROWING Campaign had one goal in mind: to better equip Valley Lutheran to effectively pursue our mission: Preparing students for life, with Christ as our foundation. To God be the glory!



Upcoming Special Services

Thanksgiving Service:

Thursday, November 24th - 10AM +Communion

Christmas Choir Concert:

Sunday, Dec. 4th - 4PM

Advent Services

Wed., Nov. 30th - 6:30PM

Wed., Dec. 7th - 6:30PM

Wed., Dec. 14th - 6:30PM

Wed., Dec. 21st - Children's Service - 6:30PM

Christmas Eve Services:

Candlelight - 6:30 & 9PM

Christmas Day Service: 10AM +Communion

New Year's Eve: 7PM +Communion

New Year's Day: 10AM +Communion

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 6th.





St. Paul Lutheran School

November 2022

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!

Calling ALL veterans... Come celebrate with us on Nov. 11 at 10:15 a.m. We would like to thank you for your service with a short program and a complimentary "Thanks" giving lunch. Please contact either office by Nov. 8 if you can attend.

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! Our school is grateful and humbled to be His disciples in all we do.

Important November Dates



Nov. 3-4	NO SCHOOL- Teachers conference in Lansing
Nov. 6	St. Paul Smorgasbord Dinner 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Daylight Savings Time (Fall back 1 hour)
Nov. 10	Kids shop the Dorcas Bazaar
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Celebration 10:15 a.m.
Nov. 15	St. Paul DOES have class but NO BUSES
Nov. 21 & 22	Parent Teacher Conferences (3-7 p.m./ 12-4 p.m.)
Nov. 22	Half Day of classes dismissal at 11:15 a.m. NO BUS
Nov. 23-27	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation
Nov. 30	Advent Service at 6:30 p.m.



November Sports



We are thankful for safe seasons for the girls' volleyball & soccer. 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. 3	with Trinity- Trost	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	at St. Paul United , Flint	4:45 p.m.
Nov. 10	with St. Michael's, Richville	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	with Christ the King	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Immanuel, Frankentrost	4:30 p.m.



School Musical Opportunities



Nov. 6	Free Spirit Choir (4-8 th grades)	8:30 a.m.
Nov. 13	Joyful Noise *K-3 rd grades)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 20	Preschool Choir	11:00 a.m.



Happy Thanksgiving



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



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**Gratitude turns
what we have
into enough.**

