



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

### October 2020

*"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,

Praise the Lord for the beautiful weather He blessed us with in the last part of September. While there have been natural catastrophes and storms in other parts of the country, we are truly grateful for the blessings we have enjoyed. The contrast can raise the question about why, but it can also show us the opportunity to share. As we pray for a bountiful harvest in the weeks to come, God continually enables us to share with others.

All four Gospels record Jesus saying there will always be poor among us. In Matthew 24, He also told us of natural and other human caused tragedies. The world is cursed with suffering, but that is not the whole story. In the midst of all the hurting, there is great opportunity to bring hope and healing.

Once a woman anointed Jesus with oil, but some saw it as a waste of money. Jesus said this was not a waste of money but a beautiful thing. There is a time to help the poor, but her act of sacrifice was to prepare Him for His burial. Jesus came to rescue us from this world of suffering. His suffering and death would accomplish the greatest and most beautiful act of compassion and love.

It is the humble love of Jesus for us that inspires us to help others when we see a need. He saw our need and gave up everything for us. When there is hurting, Christians are motivated to help as God directs them. Even when Christians face trials in their own life, they seek to bring help and hope to others. Paul shared with the Corinthians an example of this compassion and love in the Macedonians.

"1And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as

they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8

The Macedonians had the Spirit that filled them with love and joy. They saw the physical needs of others and gave joyfully to help. I rejoice in the examples of this same Spirit of God within our congregation. I pray that we continue to share with others as God enables us.

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality." (2 Cor. 8:12-14). God lead each of us to do what we can, whenever there is a need.

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

Pastor Jim Bruner  
1 John 4:10-11

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

**Bible Study**  
Sunday 9 A.M.

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*The October Messenger is sponsored in memory of Marion Walz and all those who have gone before us, from Lloyd Walz.*



# St. Paul Worship News / Scripture / Memorials

## Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM

Sundays at 10AM

Communion served on the 2nd and 4th weekends.

The 10AM service will continue to be live streamed.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to [www.stpaul-millington.org/subscribe.html](http://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@spsmill.org](mailto:church.office@spsmill.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 will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3PM or by appointment.

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Eugene & Eileen Ziegler	
General Fund	\$120.00
In Memory of Vera Pashby	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Ralph Weiss	
Building Fund	\$100.00
In Memory of James Brown	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Robert Osborn	
General Fund	\$30.00
In Memory of Irene Smith	
General Fund	\$354.00
Building Fund	\$665.00
School Fund	\$105.00
In Memory of Dale Peche	
General Fund	\$335.00
Building Fund	\$170.00
School Fund	\$115.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00
In Memory of Eric Malmo	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ed & Marcia Keinath	
Building Fund	\$50.00

## Scripture Readings

### October 4th

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### October 11th

Isaiah 25:6-9

Philippians 4:4-13

Matthew 22:1-14

### October 18th

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### October 25th

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19



## **WORSHIP ANEW**

### **Lutheran Ministries**

### **"Worship for Shut-Ins"**

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

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

### October 4th

"Garbage and the Cross" - Philippians 3:4b-14

### October 11th

"Don't Give Up!" - Psalm 23:6

### October 18th

"Heaven and Earth" - Matthew 22:15-22

### October 25th

"Gospel Certainty" - Romans 3:19-28



Reformation Sunday

October 25th

# St. Paul Lutheran School

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*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 the beautiful season of colored leaves and falling temperatures. God is so amazing in the way He creates beauty all around us, that gives us so much for which to be grateful! We are thankful that our school year has gotten off to a great face-to-face start!

We have welcomed some more new students and their families to the St. Paul family since the first day of classes in August. We welcome Ozzie Watchpocket (6<sup>th</sup>), Nelson Watchpocket (5<sup>th</sup>), Jordan Watchpocket (4<sup>th</sup>), Brynlee Watts (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Keaton St. Onge (K). We are excited to have you and your families as part of our St. Paul family.

Even though some of the "regular" October school events have been postponed or cancelled, we still ask that our Lord be with all of us as we continue to walk in and share His truth as we are "Sent to Serve" through this coming month and any activities we are able to share. Please continue to pray for all of our students, staff, and faculty as we continue through this school year.



### October Sports



Remember games start at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

#### Volleyball

Oct. 7 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

#### Soccer

Oct. 7 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

This year's events will be subject to change, dependent on COVID-19 restrictions that need to be followed. We are still planning the following events for this month of October; mark your calendars.



Oct. 21	School Pictures
Oct. 15-16	No School—Pastor/Teacher Conference
Oct. 25	First grade Bible presentation after the 10 a.m. service
Oct. 31	Reformation Day

Remember you can use our website, [www.stpaul-millington.org](http://www.stpaul-millington.org), to read the weekly school newsletter and find events on the St. Paul Lutheran-Millington Facebook page.

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

# Daily Lectionary / Finance Report / Thanks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October Daily Lectionary</b>						
<b>4</b> Deut. 4:21-40 Matt. 8:1-17	<b>5</b> Deut. 5:1-21 Matt. 8:18-34	<b>6</b> Deut. 5:22-6:9 Matt. 9:1-17	<b>7</b> Deut. 6:10-25 Matt. 9:18-38	<b>8</b> Deut. 7:1-19 Matt. 10:1-23	<b>9</b> Deut. 8:1-20 Matt. 10:24-42	<b>10</b> Deut. 9:1-22 Matt. 11:1-19
<b>11</b> Deut. 9:23-10:22 Matt. 11:20-30	<b>12</b> Deut. 11:1-25 Matt. 12:1-21	<b>13</b> Deut. 11:26-12:12 Matt. 12:22-37	<b>14</b> Deut. 12:13-32 Matt. 12:38-50	<b>15</b> Deut. 13:1-18 Matt. 13:1-23	<b>16</b> Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 28-15:15 Matt. 13:24-43	<b>17</b> Deut. 15:19-16:22 Matt. 13:44-58
<b>18</b> Deut. 17:1-20 Matt. 14:1-21	<b>19</b> Deut. 18:1-22 Matt. 14:22-36	<b>20</b> Deut. 19:1-20 Matt. 15:1-20	<b>21</b> Deut. 20:1-20 Matt. 15:21-39	<b>22</b> Deut. 21:1-23 Matt. 16:1-12	<b>23</b> Deut. 24:10-25:10 Matt. 16:13-28	<b>24</b> Deut. 25:17-26:19 Matt. 17:1-13
<b>25</b> Deut. 27:1-26 Matt. 17:14-27	<b>26</b> Deut. 28:1-22 Matt. 18:1-20	<b>27</b> Deut. 29:1-29 Matt. 18:21-35	<b>28</b> Deut. 30:1-20 Matt. 19:1-15	<b>29</b> Deut. 31:1-29 Matt. 19:16-30	<b>30</b> Deut. 31:30-32:27 Matt. 20:1-16	<b>31</b> Deut. 32:28-52 Matt. 20:17-34

## CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 08/31/2020: \$401,744.48  
 Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024  
 August 2020 Mortgage Payment \$10,000.00  
 \* Principal \$8,665.28 \* Principal  
 \* Interest \$1,334.72 \* Interest  
 August offerings received to pay mortgage: \$13,386.45  
 Amount Added to contingency fund: \$4,198.92  
 Balance as of 8/31/20 in contingency fund: \$71,671.15

## August 2020 Income & Expense Summary

August General Fund Income: \$109,886.04  
 August General Fund Expenses: \$82,942.17  
 August Surplus \$26,943.87  
 Overall Deficit to date (\$5,066.59)  
 Gen Fund Checking Balance: \$11,476.74

## Special Thanks!

**Thank you** for the prayers, cards, and food during my recent accident. It means a lot and helps toward my recovery. It's a long road ahead, but it's nice to know my church family is behind me. Thanks a lot! -Fran Carnet

**Thank you** for all of the prayers, cards, calls and food during my recuperation from my surgery. It has made my healing process easier knowing I have so many people who care! -Betty DeOrnellas

## Grantparent Program

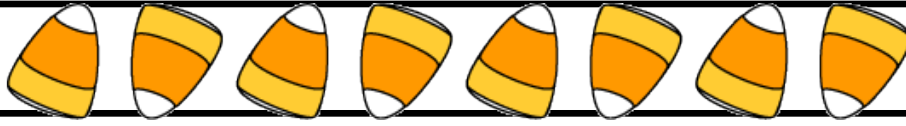
Would you consider opening your hearts to families who want their children to receive a St. Paul Christian education, but perhaps cannot afford the rising costs? The "Grantparent" Program is designed to ease the financial burden for struggling parents, but it is in need of ongoing funds. If you are able to help financially to continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please prayerfully follow God's "nudging" by contacting the school office. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

## Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Take a moment to thank, encourage, and uplift our pastors.

- Tell others – Tell them how much your pastors do for the congregation – and let your pastors overhear you.
- Volunteer – churches offer more opportunities for volunteering than just about anywhere. Don't wait to be untold.
- Pray for your pastors – they need prayers too.
- Write a note – Thank your pastors for being excellent leaders, for their compassion or something specific.
- Ask – Find out where you can help. Some pastors don't delegate enough or so few people volunteer, they've taken all the burdens upon themselves.





## October Birthdays

Scott Anderson	1	Drew Germain	11	Larry Reinert	20
Connor Hoard	2	Lanette Meeks	11	Larry, II Burrows	21
Mason Lugg	2	Kirsten Platt	11	Kemmer Jones	21
Mindy Raymond	2	Spenser Wells	11	Kara Osborn	21
Cheryl Roeske	2	Tim Brown	12	Brenda Reinbold	21
Kara Blue	3	Sharon Daenzer	12	Tina Fyke-Jolly	22
Madeline Rosebush	3	Brady Huber	12	Sadie Lenk	22
Samantha Adelberg	4	Bob Keinath	12	Chris Wolverton	22
Nancy Beagle	4	Joseph Licavoli	12	Mike Rader	23
Terri Dormire	4	Ronald Nims	12	Max Swink	23
Cade Coleman	5	Joseph Paquette	12	Katie Hunt	24
John Keipinger	5	Maylynn Wager	12	Mike Okorowski	24
Joseph Mallard	5	Teena Burton	13	Amanda Boerneke	25
Kourtney Piar	5	Frederick Rodammer	13	Autumn Dalton	25
Claudia Brown	6	Alandra Colman	14	Troy J. Dues	25
Sue Eilers	6	Daniel Frasier	14	Roger Fackler	25
Jacob Fackler	6	Timothy Sergent	14	Brenda Hoskey	25
Joyce Hibbard	6	Daniel Curtis	15	Lawrence Jaruzel	25
Tom Kukulski	6	Joshua Curtis	15	Luella Meinecke	25
Howard Maurer	6	Betty DeOrnellas	15	Luke Denome	26
Darlene Petzold	6	Debie Keinath Muehlenbeck, III	15	Madison McGraw	26
Natalie Pobocik	6	Lonnie	15	Skylar Wiacek	26
Hunter Ayotte	7	Neil Schiefer	15	Sheila Williams	26
Carol Balley	7	Issac Slough	15	Patrick Law	27
Melvin Ayotte, I	8	Landon Cunningham	16	Reese Holmes	28
Heidi Derscha	8	Chester Frank	16	Althalos Jesberg	28
Madelyn Gray	8	Earl Hergenreder	16	Jacqueline Allen	29
Kimberly Mays	8	Kati Keinath	16	Nicholas Harsen	29
Cheryl Meinecke	8	Trisha Slough	16	Joel Karcher	29
Alexandria Minnock	8	Brian Cartner	17	Jan Kribs	29
Amy Snover	8	Pamela Glynn	17	Cynthia Morey	29
Tricia Staple	8	Leona Myers	17	Heather Peche	29
Emily Tolbert	8	Luke Platt	17	Connie Bonstell	30
Vincent Woelzlein	8	Robert Sebert	17	Robert Johnston	30
Timothy Anderson	9	Nikki Sherman	17	Connie Rodammer	30
William Bishop	9	Ian Gentry	18	Karl Schiefer	30
Caden Blue	9	Kerry Koch	18	Vic Schwab, Jr.	30
Michelle David	9	Sheral Pashby	18	Vanessa Selich	30
Cassidy Torrey	9	Amanda Bishop	19	Christine Brady	31
Gene Weiss	9	Brandon Draper	19	Kelli Crittenden	31
Zachary Yorke	9	Debbie Hiles	19	Alexandria McGregor	31
Cheyenne Burns	10	Asher Petzold	19		
Zeke Carlyon	10	Lillian Rueckert	19		
Betty Jackson	10	Dale Todd, Sr	19		
Lori Osborn	10	Michelle Bouck	20		
Cindy Weber	10	Greyer Deavey	20		
Katey Ackerman	11	Kevin Petzold	20		





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Small acts, when multiplied  
by millions of people,  
can transform the world.

We can't help everyone, but  
everyone can help someone.