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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

September 2012

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli



A Message from Pastor Abatelli

The September Messenger is sponsored in celebration of the 46th wedding anniversary of Ron & Ruth Mieske.

I admit I did not know what to expect when I first participated in *Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC)* a few years ago. I am glad they decided to come and do a prayer walk and survey for Saint Paul. When I walked door to door I never knew the responses I would get. All I knew was God's love was being shared and shown.

What a joy it was to share this message of Christ's love to others. It was great to hear some tell us they knew they were going to heaven because of Christ and being able to offer any way to express God's love to them. Some even shared that more Christians should be doing what we are doing.

We had a great time, sharing Jesus with people and praying with the people we met. We witnessed to a lot of people, but my heart aches because there are people in our area who still don't know Jesus.

I remember talking to quite a few about Christ and asking if there was anything I could pray for or do for them. Some even said they do not know where they were going when they died. One even said, "I am going to hell." My heart melted hearing this.

Many of you probably do not realize what it is like not knowing Christ. I know what they are feeling: the emptiness, not having a sense of meaning, the feeling of not knowing Jesus Christ. I remember when I put off our Savior, refusing to believe in Him. I can tell you I'm so glad a few shared Him with me for life without Christ hurts. People cover up the wound, the emptiness of Christ, the pain they feel with many other emotions and material things that only quiet the hurt but never get rid of it. As I write this, I'm saddened by all those who don't have this message to heal and strengthen them.

God knows we all are hurting because of sin. God wanted to do something to save all of us. God

knew it would cost a great deal to heal our hurt, to handle sin once and for all. And God did the unbelievable, unimaginable action. He came down in Christ to forgive our sins, to give us eternal life, and give us hope of heaven to be with Him forever. God knew this was more important to do than anything else. He wants us to share this forgiveness and love in our words and actions to others.

This message truly heals our hearts and gives us a lot of joy. This message healed my heart and gave me a lot of joy when God turned me to believe. This message will heal others and give them joy too. If it gives us so much joy and happiness why not share it?

There are tons of ways to share Christ. I remember my wife and I praying at a restaurant, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen." A man came up to us and said he liked that prayer and wanted to know if I could write it down for him.

Just praying for another person or asking if there is anything we can pray for is another. Even waiting for those opportunities to share Christ, and answer their questions. If you want to know if a friend believes, just ask, "Do you believe in Jesus?"

In their survey questions, O AFC used a paraphrase with John 3:16:

(Put their name in blanks)

For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish but _____ have eternal life.

Paraphrase of John 3:16

This promise God gave is for them too. God made it for all to hear about. Let's share it with all.

In Christ,
Pastor Abatelli

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**Don't pray for a lighter load.
Pray for a stronger back.**

Calendar of Events

School Begins

First Day of School Tues., Sept. 4th
Hope you had a great summer and looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces!

Storyhour

Storyhour is offered every Tuesday or Wednesday from 9-11AM in the Youth Room beginning Sept. 4th. All pre-school age children are invited to join us on one of the days. No registration required, just show up. If questions, call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

Quilting

Tuesdays from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall
Beginning Sept. 4th.

Zumba

Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15PM in the Activity Center
Beginning Sept. 4th. \$2.00 per class.
Everyone invited to exercise your body and soul.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30PM in the Council Room. For more information contact Gary 989-710-6637.

Heroes

Tuesday, September 4th & 18th at 7:30PM.

Dorcas Crafts

Every Wednesday at 9:30AM at Anna Tuttle's house beginning Sept. 5th. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING SCRAPBOOK EVENT

Saturday, September 8th

9AM-7PM in the St. Paul Parish Hall

Pre register \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 at the door.
Great Food! Great Fun! Make New Friends!
....and Prizes too!

Bring your own stamping &/or scrapbook supplies,
a dish to pass and beverages if you want other
than coffee or H2O.

A Representative from Stampin' Up, Creative Memories, and Scrapbooker's Hideaway will be set up with supplies, lessons, "how-to's" and ideas. Items can be purchased.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. – in the school office,
or with Susan Jensen 871-4866 or at jenco33@yahoo.com

**SCRAPBOOKING MAKES MEMORIES THAT
LAST A LIFETIME....JESUS MAKES
MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER!**

New Teacher Welcome

Please join us between services on Sun., Sept. 9th in the Parish Hall to welcome Mrs. Susan Klauer, our new 8th grade teacher, Ms. Sarah Kester, our new Preschool teacher, and Mr. Mike Gohsman, our new Physical Education teacher. Refreshments will be served.

Jr. Handbells

Practices begin Tues., Sept. 11th at 7:15AM.
Any 5th-8th grader interested, please sign up in the school office or call Connie Rodammer 871-3065 if questions. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Monday, September 17th

I Can Buy a Box of Cereal for Under a \$1.00! How?

That is what the ladies from the Obsessive Coupon Disorder organization can teach you. God has charged us to be good stewards with our money and these ladies will show you how you can increase savings at the grocery store so that you can increase your tithing. The date for our two and a half hour class will be Friday, October 26th starting at 6 PM in the school's Project Room. Call and invite your friends as well. You do **NOT** have to be a member of St. Paul to take the class. There is a \$15 cost (I think. It may be more) for the class but that will include access to their coupon database. You will easily be able to save your \$15 on your first shopping trip. Again, we will start promptly at 6 PM and free babysitting will be available. Prior to the class, you will want to buy three Detroit Free Press newspapers to increase your coupon inventory. Watch the church bulletin and school newsletter for updates.

We need at least 15 people to hold a class. If not, we will have to cancel the class. Please call the Kaisers at 823-3111 and reserve your seat. Please get the word out.

Meetings

Council Wed., Sept. 5th at 7:30PM

Stephen Ministry Mon., Sept. 10th & 24th at 7PM

Board of Education Tues., Sept. 11th at 6PM

Trustees Sun., Sept. 16th at 7PM

Dorcas Tues., Sept. 18th at 6:30PM

Christian Care Sun., Sept. 23rd at 9:30AM

Elders Wed., Sept. 26th at 7:30PM

Spiritual News

September Scripture Readings

September 2nd

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23

September 9th

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Mark 7:24-37

September 16th

Isaiah 50:4-10

James 3:1-12

Mark 9:14-29

September 23rd

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10

Mark 9:30-37

September 30th

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:1-20

Mark 9:38-50

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Confirmation Meeting for all parents of 8th graders Mon., Sept. 10th at 6:15PM in the church. This is an Informational meeting for all parents with a student wishing to be confirmed in the spring.

Public School Confirmation

Mondays at 7PM beginning Sept. 10th.

Please call the church office if you have a 7th or 8th grader interested in taking these classes.

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages begins Sun., Sept. 9th at 9:45AM. A nursery may be available for those under 3 years. The children's classes will be labeled at their rooms. Teachers, substitute teachers and helpers are needed. If you could help on a part time basis, please call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873.

Ministry Perks

2nd quarter earnings were \$37.80. Free cards are in the church office. Thank you to all who remembered to use your Ministry Perks card when making purchases at the Family Christian Bookstore!

We Invite You to Join Us!

Do you have questions about the Bible, the world, suffering, right and wrong, forgiveness, the purpose for your life?

Come, **get answers and discover** what a relationship with Christ is about.

In this class, we will look at the myths about Christ and His teachings, and then explore the truth about Christ and His teachings.

We will provide you with a study booklet and "Luther's Small Catechism." If you do not own a Bible, we will also make sure you get your own.

Date: Begins September 9th
(for approximately 15 weeks)

Time: 9:45AM

Place: St. Paul Lutheran School Projects Room

Interested? Please call our office at 989-871-4581 ext. 3, so we can prepare materials at no cost to you. After attending these classes, if you *desire*, you can become a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

We look forward to seeing you!

Musical Opportunities

Handbells

Mondays at 7PM beginning Sept. 10th.
New ringers are needed! Please join us!

Church Choir

Wednesdays at 6:53PM beginning Sept. 12th

Worship Team

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Love to praise the Lord with music? We need YOU! We play and sing in the 11AM contemporary service one Sunday per month. This is a new group and is open to everyone; no talent required! If interested, please call Katie Abatelli at 871-5015 or email keb17@aol.com

Praise Team

Thursdays at 6:15PM



Are You a Musician and Miss Playing Your Instrument?

It is time to brush the dust off and get reacquainted with your instrument!! We are seeking any instrumentalist who would like to participate in St. Paul Special Service Music. Please contact Royce Shamel 989-977-0843, Karen Bruner 871-2407 or the church office 871-4581 with your name and instrument. We look forward to expanding our God given talents through worship!

Serving / Memorials / Misc.

Serve the Lord by Serving Others

Board Positions

If you or anyone you know is interested in running for a St. Paul elected board position, please call the church office. There are many boards available for you to serve on. Please prayerfully consider running for one.

Christian Care Committee

The Christian Care Committee ministers to those who are hospitalized, have experienced the death of a loved one, are shut-in, our newest members, and provide meals and words of encouragement. If you could benefit from this ministry or would like to become involved, please contact Paul Schoenknecht, Carol Weber, or the church office.

Please note: The next meeting of the Christian Care Committee will be the fourth Sunday in September.

"What's that Crib For?"

The crib is up and we are collecting donations for baby boys or girls until October 31st. A list of needed items is in the crib. If you know of someone expecting a child who could use our help, please call Lanette Meeks 989-714-3232 or the church office.

Needed:

A school family is moving and is in need of a gas stove, refrigerator, twin bad and mattress, and any living room furniture. If you have anything to donate, please call the school office. Thank you for reaching out to those in need!

Health Kits

Dorcas LWIM is about ready to once again fill the health kits for the Abuse Center. The only items needed at this time are 8 toothpastes, 55 emery boards and 15 full size combs. We have enough of the other items on the list. Please leave in the box in the narthex.

Room Usage

With the start of the new school year we have many events and sporting events happening. **Please remember** – if you need to book the Parish Hall or Activity Center for an event, practice, or meeting, you need to check with the church office to be sure it is available. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!

Avery Products Promotion

Keep voting every day now through Sept. 14th. Help St. Paul win gift cards, Box Top coupons, and school supplies. Go to givebacktoschools.avery.com/schools/index, register and vote everyday.

SEPTEMBER 2012 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF 65 years of marriage for Norman and Edna Weiss General Fund	\$65.00
IN MEMORY OF Jack Henderson General Fund	\$30.00
IN MEMORY OF Jeffrey Reinert and the 2012 CONFIRMATION of Aaron Reinbold General Fund	\$20.00
IN HONOR OF the 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Gerald & Judy Koeltzow General Fund	\$55.00
IN HONOR OF the 70 th Confirmation Year of Harry Kern General Fund	\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF Betty Weiss General Fund	\$25.00
IN MEMORY OF Ernest Petzold General Fund	\$20.00
IN MEMORY OF Walter Mohr General Fund	\$25.00
IN THANKSGIVING FOR St. Paul's Praise Team General Fund	\$50.00

Many Thanks!

Thank you to our Dorcas committee and all who baked for our annual bake sale. Come rain or shine, you came through again! We did well and had a big variety of food. Thanks again, Lola and all.

Something New to Look For...

Church bags are available for any family with a child in 1st grade or younger. These bags contain coloring pages, soft, "quiet" toys and books for your children to use during the service. The bags will be in the narthex for you to pick up and then return at the end of the service. If interested in helping pack the bags between services, please contact the church office.

Carryover Deficit as of 5/31/12		(44,950.78)
June General Fund Income	69,991.58	
General Fund Expenses	<u>81,291.26</u>	
Balance		(11,299.68)
Ongoing Deficit to Date	<u>(62,333.40)</u> *	
<i>includes Line of Credit Balance Due</i>		
**Line of Credit Balance Due as of 6/30/12		\$ 25,819.71
Building Fund		11,574.00
Missions (Budgeted & Non-Budgeted)		1,354.90
T.I.M.		825.30
VLHS		235.80
Boiler Fund		1,437.63

September Schedule

Acolytes

September		
1 st	7:30PM	Ericka White & Brian
2 nd	8:30AM	
2 nd	11AM	Addy Ley & Steve
8 th	7:30PM	Alyssa Okorowski & Dustin Sebert
9 th	8:30AM	Tim Singer & Kent or Aaron
9 th	11AM	Jakob Selich & Christian
15 th	7:30PM	Mason Lugg
16 th	8:30AM	Aaron Singer & Kent or Tim
16 th	11AM	Erin Blumberg & Steve
22 nd	7:30PM	
23 rd	8:30AM	
23 rd	11AM	Garrison Hecht & Gary
29 th	7:30PM	Danielle DeOrnellas & Dennis
30 th	8:30AM	
30 th	11AM	ReAnna Hecht & Gary

Greeters

First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy III
	11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims
Second Sunday	8:30AM	
	11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Dianne Scarborough, Natalie Smith
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Dale & Pam Hanlin
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel
	11:00AM	Evelyn Gregory, Anna Tuttle
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey
	11:00AM	Steve & Nila Schmandt
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)		

Ushers

7:30PM	Larry Beagle, Captain Jan Snyder, Jim Jaruzel, Ed Keinath
8:30AM	Dennis Rodammer - Captain; Dwight Keinath - Assistant Michael Albert, Ken Auernhammer, Corey Harry, Mitchel III, Russell III, Ryan III, Luke Platt, Eugene Weiss, Bud Zeck, Mike Ziegler
11:00AM	Richard Harpst - Captain; Jay Rodammer - Assistant Heath Keinath, Andrew Maschke, John Petzold, Hans Schmandt, Michael Sherman, Rick Sherman, Adam Wolverton, Randy Wolverton

Church Sextons

Rodger & Judy Grulke
Ron & Ruth Mieske
Ed & Marcia Keinath

Elmer Snover
Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Altar Guild

7:30PM
8:30AM
11AM

Paris Rogers / Diane Leach

Bonnie Wittum

Thank you to everyone who in any way volunteers their time to help with the worship services. May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.



September Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Bryan Bassett	9/1	Marcus Jensen Sr.	9/10	Veronica Horning	9/22
Carrie Mallard	9/1	Alyssa Keinath	9/10	William Bretzloff	9/23
Jeremy McTaggart	9/1	Michael McTaggart	9/10	Delia Dale	9/23
Breanna Michael	9/1	Clyde Sergeant	9/10	Brook Husted	9/23
Kaitlynn Radisovich	9/1	Cal Smith	9/10	Autumn Okorowski	9/23
Diane Blue	9/2	Richard Wiacek	9/10	Thomas Devereaux	9/24
Tyler French	9/2	Samantha Aguirre	9/11	Danyel Dormire	9/24
Cassandra Pappenfuss	9/2	Nancy Fritz	9/11	Emma Hoard	9/24
Katie Wiacek	9/2	Lana Glady	9/11	Raymon Hoard	9/24
Gordon Laplow	9/3	Kathy Kirby	9/11	Kenneth McKee	9/24
Addison Pashby	9/3	Ronny Pavlicek	9/11	Heather Petzold	9/24
Shirley Snyder	9/3	Kristina Hibbard	9/12	Sarah Schwab	9/24
Benjamin Weber	9/3	Barbara Kauer	9/12	Justin Allen	9/25
Emily DeOrnellas	9/4	Eric Farnsworth	9/13	Hailey ILL	9/25
Cody Higgins	9/4	Amy Hanlin	9/13	Hannah ILL	9/25
Rhonda McGraw	9/4	Hannah Keinath	9/13	Wilma List	9/25
Janette Reinert	9/4	Gabriella Laplow	9/13	Brandy Bodeis	9/26
Crystal Wates	9/4	Luann Licavoli	9/13	Daniel Daenzer	9/26
Samantha Ayotte	9/5	Jason Wirsing	9/13	Diane MacKay	9/26
Kristin Erdman	9/5	Nicole Engelhart	9/14	Norman Montle	9/26
Stacie Farnsworth	9/5	Dianne Petzold	9/14	Bradley O'Hearn	9/26
Pamela Hanlin	9/5	Pierce Force	9/15	Stephan Paquette	9/26
Larry Henderson	9/5	Sterling Force	9/15	Paris Rogers	9/26
Luanne Jaruzel	9/5	Alan Petzold	9/15	Shye Ruppel	9/26
Gregory Mohr	9/5	Janeen Witmer	9/15	Craig Blue	9/27
Marvin Rodemsky	9/5	Jessica Harpst	9/16	Michael Blue	9/27
Jeffrey Yorke	9/5	Derek Horenziak	9/16	Rose Draper	9/27
Clemens ILL	9/6	Cheyenne Isetts	9/16	Heather Frahm	9/27
Rebecca Meier	9/6	Joshua Minnock	9/16	Jaelynn Gross	9/27
John Nitz	9/6	Deborah Porter	9/16	Gail Lugg	9/27
Elaira Pashby	9/6	Donnise Reinert	9/16	Denise Sherman	9/27
David Weber	9/6	Susan ILL	9/17	Duane Weber	9/27
Kaitlyn Woolwine	9/6	Tracee Jones	9/17	Kenneth Auernhammer	9/28
Todd Ames	9/7	Judith Pletcher	9/17	James Flach	9/28
Caleb Beyette	9/7	Nila Schmandt	9/17	Susan Flach	9/28
Katie Burleson	9/7	Bobby White	9/17	Tammi Laplow	9/28
Andrea Decker	9/7	Clyde Pletcher	9/18	Kendall Leach	9/28
Bruce Edler	9/7	Crystal Sebert	9/18	Ryan Ramsey	9/28
Gladys Fischhaber	9/7	Tedd Burton	9/19	Monica Russell	9/28
Lleyton Hoard	9/7	Ramona List	9/19	Shane Brandle	9/29
Eric Hutchinson	9/7	Steven Daniel	9/20	Nancy Coleman	9/29
Beth ILL	9/7	Kyle Goodwin	9/20	Sam Licavoli II	9/29
Mason Lyons	9/7	Denise Hoard	9/20	Bret Meier	9/29
Mariah Steepe	9/7	Steven Kern	9/20	Nicholas Reyna	9/29
Alissa Anderson	9/8	Alden Rodammer	9/20	Andrea Cassidy	9/30
Garrett Brady	9/8	Ronna Bears	9/21	Amanda Hecht	9/30
Marci Draper	9/8	Joan Benish	9/21	Christina Hiles	9/30
Cody Goodhue	9/8	Arianna Casto	9/21	Jacob Holtsberry	9/30
Madison Jones	9/8	Darwin Hecht	9/21	Krystal Hudie	9/30
Derrick Keinath	9/8	William Hoard	9/21	Martha Jensen	9/30
Aja Robinson	9/8	Kenneth Platt	9/21	Arno Keinath	9/30
Austin Steepe	9/8	Vonice Reed	9/21	Sharon Keinath	9/30
Kaleb Meier	9/9	Raymond Reinert	9/21	Jared Petzold	9/30
McKenna Peche	9/9	Dale Blue	9/22	Jade Rodammer	9/30
Jeffrey Draper	9/10	Lori Brueggemann	9/22	Cynthia Titsworth	9/30
Logan Figgins	9/10	Corey Daenzer	9/22		

Best Wishes

Stephen Ministry: God Gives the Growth

Caring nurtures the seed of God's love—in the care receiver's heart and in yours.

Plant the Seed

Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and forlorn because of some crisis or tragedy.



Water the Seed

Stephen Ministry training will equip you, and our congregation will support you, so that you can show God's mercy, care, and compassion to another who is hurting.



You will walk beside your care receiver, pray for him or her, and help him or her work through life's difficulties.

God Will Make It Grow

Through this ministry God will bring forth new life and renewed faith in both your care receiver and in you as a Stephen Minister.



Is God calling you to serve in this way?

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

I Corinthians 3:6-9

What do Stephen Ministers do?

Stephen Ministers:

- ◆ *Listen*
- ◆ *Explore feelings*
- ◆ *Pray*
- ◆ *Share Christ's love*
- ◆ *Maintain confidentiality*
- ◆ *Attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God*

Stephen Ministers care for people who are:

- ◆ *Grieving*
- ◆ *In a crisis*
- ◆ *In need of long-term care*
- ◆ *Dying*
- ◆ *Hospitalized*
- ◆ *Divorcing*
- ◆ *Experiencing losses as they age*
- ◆ *Going through a crisis of childbirth*
- ◆ *The family and friends of people in crisis*

To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact:

*Laurel Woodward
871-4969 or 989-550-6868*

*Paul Schoenknecht
871-2280*

*Dianne Weber
989-823-7617*

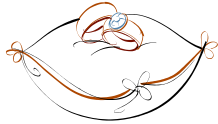
*Our next training sessions will begin
Monday, September 24th at 7PM.*

Miscellaneous / Area News

*Congratulations and God's Blessings on
the Upcoming Weddings of:*

*Dayna Rodammer & Brad Snyder
September 15th*

*Shannon Haney & Anthony Huber
September 29th*



Hospitalizations

Reminder: Due to strict HIPAA laws, if you would like a prayer or a visit from one of the pastors, you need to **notify the church office** when you go in to the **hospital**. We will do our best to arrange a visit and accommodate your needs.

Choir Warm Up Room

The area **Head Start program** will be utilizing the **choir warm up room** to meet with families and provide guidance for obtaining the resources that would best help their needs. If you find the room inaccessible, this will be the reason.

2012 Fall Bible Sale

For a limited time Concordia Publishing House is offering discounts up to 35% on their Bibles. Included in this sale are:

- ◆ The Lutheran Study Bible
- ◆ Concordia Self-Study Bible
- ◆ The Story Bible
- ◆ 120 Bible Stories
- ◆ Faith Alive
- ◆ My Very First Bible
- ◆ And more!



See the sign up sheet on the glass case in the narthex or call the church office by Mon., Sept. 24th.

Helping Congregations Across Michigan ...

Just Like Yours - Investing your hard-earned dollars with the Church Extension Fund (CEF) keeps your money close to home. Of course, your personal investments earn great rates through many different saving and investment options, but your invested dollars also help fund Lutheran interests right here in Michigan – maybe even helping out in your own congregation. Can any other investment opportunity promise that? Call 800.242.3944 or visit them online at www.mi-cef.org and discover how investing with CEF can help you and yours.

Area News

DivorceCare helps you recover from the pain of separation and divorce. Group sessions meet Tuesdays Sept. 4th through Dec. 4th from 7-8:30PM at St. Lorenz Church Office Board Room, Frankenmuth. Call Michele 989-245-8850 to register.

Positive Alternatives is looking for Christian women who desire to serve the Lord in a Christ centered pro-life ministry. To be a part of the volunteer training, please call April at 989-672-4673. Training Dates: Fri., Sept. 14th – 12-5PM; Sat., Sept. 16th – 9AM-4PM; Fri., Sept. 21st – 12-5PM; Sat., Sept. 22nd – 9AM-4PM. Attendance at all four days are required.

5K Run / Walk for Life hosted by the Lapeer Pregnancy Resource Center Sat., Sept. 15th. Registration begins at 8AM. Call 810-667-0055 if questions.

"Color of Rain" event Sun., Sept. 16th at 10:30AM at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Saginaw. Hear the story of Michael and Gina who were joined together by the loss of their spouses. They co-founded *The New Day Foundation for Families*, which provides financial, emotional, and spiritual resources for families with children who have lost a parent with cancer. They are privileged to share their story of faith and love as they overcame extreme challenges. Lunch served. Please call 989-781-3205 to register.

Tuscola County Right to Life Annual Benefit Dinner Tues., Sept. 25th at 6PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Caro, MI. For reservations, call 989-868-4059.

28th Annual Walther League and Young Adult Reunion Sat., Sept. 29th from 11AM-3PM at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth. Please join us for food, fellowship, reminiscing and laughs. Speaker is Elaine Bickel, "A Child of God." Cost: \$18.50. Contact Elna Kempff at 989-868-9921 for reservations or email mwoodyf@charter.net.



Clem III, Arnold Petzold, Dwight Keinath, and Lorie Hunt on our St. Paul float during the Millington Festival.

Adult Bible Studies

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ! I would like to invite you to attend one of many Bible studies that we are offering for the fall semester on Sunday morning between services starting roughly at 9:45 AM. Beginning September 9th, we would like to offer four different Bible studies for you to attend.

Pastor Abatelli will be leading the **Adult Instruction Class** which will look at questions about the Bible, the world, suffering, right and wrong, forgiveness, and the purpose for your life. He will guide you as you look at the myths about Christ and His teachings, and then explore the truth about Christ and His teachings.

Pastor Bruner will be leading **Background of the Bible**. This study will continue to give you information and details to understand each book of the Bible. We will use resources found in the Lutheran Study Bible. It is not necessary to own one, but please bring it if you have one. There will also be reading schedules provided that will enable you to read the entire Bible in 90 days OR at a slower pace.

Mr. Eddie Meeks will be leading **Saul to Paul - Why the Difference?** We will investigate the Christian-hating man named Saul in the New Testament. Together, you will see how God transformed his rotting heart. You will see how God took one of the evilest men in the Bible and altered him into one of His most influential missionaries of the faith. Finally, you will draw parallels between your life and the life of Paul.

The last Bible class we will be offering this fall is **Lutheranism 101**. Mr. Ed White will help examine Lutheran beliefs and heritage in a fresh way. If you are a lifelong Lutheran searching for more information or new to Lutheranism looking to understand what we believe, this book will be your guide. It is written in an easy-to-read conversational style with short articles, sidebar features, and some humor. Lutheranism 101 helps create a solid foundation of reference upon which a lifetime of sound teaching can be built. Explore the basics of Lutheran theology by digging into history of Lutheranism and making connections between what Lutherans believe and what Lutherans do.

We also have an **open invitation to any and all men** (teens through non-teens) in the congregation to attend a casual **Bible Study** hosted by David Kaiser on the first Saturday of every month starting September 1st. I challenge you to dedicate one and one half hours of your time to your Lord and Savior every month other than on Sunday morning. We will be following the **Heroes of the Faith** Bible Study, focusing on the topic "Intrepid". The Bible Study will begin at 7:30 AM. Knowing how early the start time is coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served.

Our first "Hero(es) of the Faith" that we will be examining are Moses and Aaron. We will describe the many miracles that God performed in order to free His people from the Egyptians. We will consider who the "Aarons" in our lives might be. We will compare and contrast Old and New Testament concepts connected to the Passover. Finally, we will rejoice in the fact that Jesus is the ultimate sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world. In order to do so, your homework for the first class is to review chapters 3 – 12 in the book of Exodus.

Since I know most men are sitting down with their significant other in their life planning out the next six months of lives like my wife does for me, Gentlemen, I have included the days of the Heroes of Faith Saturday morning Bible study (again which starts at 7:30 AM), along with your homework for that class. This way you will be able to look at the date and know what Bible references you should be looking at for that day. I cannot wait to see you on September 1st.

September 1 st , 2012 Exodus, Chap. 3-12	Moses and Aaron
October 6 th , 2012 Joshua, Chap. 1-6	Joshua
November 3 rd , 2012 Judges, Chap. 6-7	Gideon
December 1 st , 2012 Judges, Chap.13-16	Samson
Jan. 5 th , 2013 Daniel, Chap. 3	Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego
February 2 nd , 2013 Daniel, Chap. 1, 2, 6	Daniel

St. Paul Lutheran School



September

Welcome back to our school year!

As we begin, we have a many new things for which to be thankful. We have a new theme verse for the year: Philippians 2:10, all-day Kindergarten, new students and three new teachers.

Our teaching staff has changed just a bit. Mrs. Erika Kaiser and Mrs. Kay Keinath will be teaching two classes of all-day Kindergarten. We welcome Miss Sarah Kester in Preschool, Mr. Mike Gohsman as our gym teacher and Mrs. Susan Klauer as our 8th grade teacher. We also welcome some new students and their families to the St. Paul school family.

Kindergarten Caleb Beyette, Maleek Compaore, Emma Dalton, Brandon Draper, Patrick Hayden, Ryan Hunt, Ella List, Zara Tuttle and Garret Woodward

First Grade Caden Heike, Nicolas Mays

Second Grade Annabelle Hayden

Third Grade Fatima Copaore, Davin Kowitz, and Lexi Swink

Fourth Grade Maximus Swink, Avery Mays, Christian Kennedy

Fifth Grade Shayla Heike

Sixth Grade Kaitlyn Burton

“Every knee shall bow”

Philippians 2:10



September Sports



Remember to have your practice clothes, sports physicals and athletics fee for the first practice.

Soccer all games begin at 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 5 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Sept. 6 with Bethlehem, Saginaw
Sept. 11 at Peace, Saginaw
Sept. 13 at Bethlehem, Saginaw
Sept. 18 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Sept. 25 at St. Paul, Flint
Sept. 27 with Peace, Saginaw

Girl's Volleyball all games are away at 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 5 with Peace, Saginaw
Sept. 10 with St. Paul, Flint
Sept. 17 at Bethlehem, Saginaw
Sept. 19 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Sept. 24 at Peace, Saginaw
Sept. 27 at St. Paul, Flint



Free Spirit

School Musical Opportunities

Sept. 23

8:30 a.m.



There are many events planned for the month; here are the dates to mark:



Sept. 4 First Day of School
Sept. 9 Teacher Rededication, Installation and Welcome
Sept. 13 P.T.L. Potluck and Meeting 6 p.m.
Sept. 17 School Pictures and Constitution Day
Sept. 20 K-2 Dads and Doughnuts
Sept. 24-28 8th Grade Washington D.C Trip

Mark your calendars for the
2nd Annual Millington Fall Festival : Oct. 5-6
from 9 a.m. -6 p.m.

- * Cod/Perch dinners & Bean Soup all day
- * Craft booths * Family Fun Activities

See you there!



Remember you can use our website to read the weekly school newsletter and devotion.

www.stpaul-millington.org



Youth News

412 Youth Ministry September Events

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1st Timothy 4:12

High School Ministry

Bible Study Series – "The Truth About Sex"

- In this series, we will be watching videos and hearing testimony from students sharing authentic stories about the struggles they face regarding sex, and gain Biblical insight into how all teens can make right decisions, live within boundaries, and see God's forgiveness when needed.

Sunday, September 9th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Truth about SEX

The truth and nothing but the truth!

Sunday, September 16th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Truth about GUYS & GIRLS

How do guys and girls view and define what a relationship is?

Sunday, September 23rd 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Truth about BOUNDARIES

Too many times we test to see how much we can get away with, but it's not a game and consequences we never expected to happen, happen.

Sunday, September 30th 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Night

Topic: The Truth About FORGIVENESS

A lot of people think God plays some sort of elimination game with us. But that's not it at all. We all fail. There are some challenges in life that are just too hard for us, but God understands. He forgives and he restores.

September 2012

St. Paul Lutheran Church Activities

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30AM Men's Bible Study 7:30PM Worship
2 8:30AM Worship+C 9:45AM Bible Study 11AM Worship	3 <i>Labor Day</i> Offices Closed	4 School Begins 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6:15 Zumba 7:30PM Heroes AA	5 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's Home 6:30-8PM Worship Team 7:30PM Council	6 6:15PM Praise Team	7	8 9AM-7PM Scrapbooking 7:30PM Worship +C
9 8:30AM Worship <i>Teacher Installation</i> 9:45AM New Teacher Welcome 9:45AM **See Notes** 11AM Worship +C 6:30PM HS Youth	10 6:15PM Confirmation Parent Meeting 7PM Handbells Public School Confirmation Stephen Ministry	11 9-11AM Storyhour 1-3PM Quilting 6PM Board of Education 6:15 Zumba 7:30PM AA	12 9-11AM Storyhour 9:30AM Crafts at Anna Tuttle's Home 6:30-8PM Worship Team 6:53PM Church Choir	13 6PM PTL Potluck 6:15PM Praise Team	14 5PM Rehearsal	15 7AM Bus Leaves for Cedar Point 2PM Wedding Dayna Rodammer Brad Snyder 7:30PM Worship
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← 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip →