



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 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,

Newsweek magazine once published a piece on "The Toughest Job in the World," a reference to making decisions. Let's replace "making decisions" with "being a disciple." It reads like this: "It can be more fatiguing than a day of stonecutting. It can be more nerve-racking than a day of heart surgery. It can bring success, happiness, life . . . or failure, unhappiness, death. In today's security conscious society, it's a job fewer people want to tackle. It's not for the fainthearted who are afraid to fail. It's not for the reckless who can be dangerous. It invites ridicule, criticism, and unpopularity. But without it the world stands still. It is the lonely, ulcerous, precarious job of being a disciple."

And one of the primary tasks of a disciple is to make more disciples. To this end, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) has created a new initiative called "Making Disciples for Life (MDFL)" that will assist us, as disciples, as we witness to Christ and His eternal gifts. All of the resources for MDFL can be found at: <https://makingdisciples.lcms.org/>.

MDFL will put field-tested, theologically solid resources at the fingertips of God's people 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The initiative is rooted in Jesus' words in Matthew 28: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Church today faces many challenges and opportunities. Among these are evangelizing the lost, retaining the faithful, strengthening congregations, and planting congregations. All of these are included in Jesus' words to His disciples. The One who has all authority commissions His Church to share the Good News with the whole world.

The faithful regularly gather around Word and Sacrament. In a world in which people are tempted to leave the Church, congregations are working to retain those who have joined. To assist us, MDFL has created and will continue to create resources to help congregations reach out to the lost, retain and strengthen the baptized from the cradle to the grave, provide leadership resources, strengthen Lutheran families, and plant new churches.

I've only begun to scratch the surface of this initiative. More resources are being made available all the time. I'm looking forward to sharing and discussing these with you in the near future.

But you don't have to wait for me or Pastor Bruner! You can look and learn for yourselves! Jesus calls all Christians, including you, to make disciples for life! And since many of us feel inadequate, MDFL is made to equip, encourage, and excite us for this most important work.

As mentioned at the beginning, this task invites ridicule, criticism, and unpopularity. But without it the world stands still. It is the temporally risky but eternally rewarding job of being a disciple, and making disciples for life.

Please remember, Jesus is with you always. He will empower both your encouragement of being a disciple, and your excitement to make disciples for life. For this is the field we are called to labor in by our Lord.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers [and sisters], be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Pastor Tim Martinal

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Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study
Sunday 9 A.M.

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The September Messenger is sponsored in Memory of Mike Ayotte, from Dawn, Samantha, & Hunter.

St. Paul Worship News / Scripture / Memorials

Worship Service Times

Saturdays at 7PM

Sundays at 10AM

Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th weekends.

We will continue to live stream our 10AM service for those who wish to stay home at this time.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please go to 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@spmill.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.

Please be patient during this time. Thank you.

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Arthur Weber	
General Fund	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$175.00
In Memory of Robert Osborn	
General Fund	\$425.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
School Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of John Huber	
General Fund	\$385.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00
In Honor of Erna Reinert's 96th Birthday	
Building Fund	\$20.00

Scripture Readings

September 6th

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:1-20

September 13th

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 20th

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 27th

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-18

Matthew 21:23-32



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Lutheran Ministries

"Worship for Shut-Ins"

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

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

September 6th

"Sinners, Listen to David!" - Psalm 32:1-7

September 13th

"The Merciful Master" - Matthew 18:25-27

September 20th

"Unfair!" - Matthew 20:15

September 27th

"By What Authority" - Matthew 21:23-27



September 7th



September 2020

Welcome back to our school year!

This year is beginning a bit differently than in the past. St. Paul Lutheran is looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growing and strengthening friendships...especially with our best friend, JESUS! Our theme verse for the year: "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28 In using this verse, we are given a mission and a strong example to follow throughout the coming year and even farther into our future!

We have the privilege to welcome some new students and their families to the St. Paul family! We welcome Destiny Blakeley (6th), Emma Williams (2nd) Thomas Rosencrants and Elijah Manniello (K). We are excited to have you and your families as part of our St. Paul family.

September Sports

Remember to have your practice clothes, sports physicals and athletics fee for the first practice. All games begin at 4:30 p.m.

Soccer

- Sept. 3 at Trinity/Trost, Reese
- Sept. 8 at Christ the King, Sebewaing
- Sept. 10 with St. Michaels, Richville
- Sept. 15 with Trinity/Trost
- Sept. 17 at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 21 at St. Michaels, Richville
- Sept. 22 with St. Paul United
- Sept. 28 at Immanuel/Trinity, Frankentrost
- Sept. 30 with Christ the King

Girl's Volleyball

- Sept. 3 at St. Paul United, Lapeer
- Sept. 8 at CTK, Sebewaing
- Sept. 10 with St. Michaels, Richville
- Sept. 15 with Trinity/Trost
- Sept. 17 at St. Lorenz, 'Muth
- Sept. 21 at St. Michaels, Richville
- Sept. 22 with St. Paul United
- Sept. 28 at Trinity/Trost, 'Trost
- Sept. 30 with Christ the King

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 September; mark your calendars.



- Sept. 4 -7 No School for the Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 11 Outdoor Family Movie Night at 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Teacher Rededication
- Sept. 17 Constitution Day

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



September Birthdays

Tyler	French	2	Hannah	Woolwine	13	Bradley	O'Hearn	26
Marvin	Schreiber	2	Amy	Hanlin	13	Reese	Inman	27
Katie	Wiacek	2	Sterling	Force	15	Michael	Blue	27
Diane	Blue	2	Pierce	Force	15	Duane	Weber	27
Shirley	Snyder	3	Lila	Sischo	16	Denise	Sherman	27
Benjamin	Weber	3	Jessica	Harpst	16	Susan	Flach	28
Trevor	Gleason	4	Deborah	Porter	16	Monica	Russell	28
Rhonda	McGraw	4	Audrey	Wilson	16	Ken	Auernhammer	28
Janette	Reinert	4	Tracee	Jones	17	Dwight	Radloff	28
Emily	DeOrnellas	4	Susan	ILL	17	Shane	Brandle	29
Samantha	Ayotte	5	Nila	Schmandt	17	Nancy	Coleman	29
Pam	Hanlin	5	Brandee	Stratton	17	Sharon	Keinath	30
Mitchell	Curtis	5	Alyze	Davis	17	Martha	Jensen	30
Marvin	Rodemsky	5	Bev	Rodabaugh	18	Krystal	Hudie	30
Luanne	Jaruzel	5	Tedd	Burton	19	Jared	Petzold	30
Larry	Henderson	5	Steve	Kern	20	Cynthia	Wilson	30
Kaylynn	Bostater	5	Denise	Hoard	20	Christina	Hiles	30
Jennifer	Mays	5	Alden	Rodammer	20	Amanda	Hecht	30
Jeffrey	Yorke	5	William	Hoard	21			
Gregory	Mohr	5	Kenneth	Platt	21			
Diane	Williams	5	Joan	Benish	21			
Kaitlyn	Woolwine	6	Darwin	Hecht	21			
John	Nitz	6	Arianna	Casto	21			
Caleb	Beyette	7	Angel	Gleason	21			
Beth	ILL	7	Veronica	Horning	22			
Marci	Draper	8	Dale	Blue	22			
Garrett	Brady	8	Corey	Daenzer	22			
Derrick	Keinath	8	Ezra	Ostrander	23			
Dean	Skouson	8	Autumn	Okorowski	23			
Cody	Goodhue	8	Tom	Devereaux	24			
Marcus	Jensen, Sr.	10	Kenny	McKee	24			
Jeffrey	Draper	10	Heather	Petzold	24			
Dick	Wiacek	10	Emma	Hoard	24			
Alyssa	Keinath	10	Emelyn	Gleason	24			
Samantha	Aguirre	11	Madeline	Bach	25			
Lana	Glady	11	Justin	Allen	25			
Kathy	Kirby	11	Hannah	ILL	25			
Kristina	Hibbard	12	Hailey	ILL	25			
Katelyn	Kaschner	12	Beth	Ehrmantraut	25			
Barbara	Kauer	12	Zaya	Fogerty	26			
Mellicha	Gleason	13	Stephan	Paquette	26			
Luann	Licavoli	13	Diane	MacKay	26			
Jason	Wirsing	13	Chelsea	Sebert	26			



Happy Birthday

Daily Lectionary / Finance Report / Thanks

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Daily Lectionary						
6 2 Kings 4:8-22; 4:32-37 Eph. 5:15-33	7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Eph. 6:1-24	8 2 Kings 5:9-27 Phil. 1:1-20	9 2 Kings 6:1-23 Phil. 1:21-2:11	10 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 Phil. 2:12-30	11 2 Chron. 29:1-24 Phil. 3:1-21	12 2 Chron. 31:1-21 Phil. 4:1-23
13 2 Chron. 32:1-22 Col. 1:1-23	14 2 Chron. 33:1-25 Col. 1:24-2:7	15 2 Chron. 34:1-4; 8-11; 14-33 Col. 2:8-23	16 2 Chron. 35:1-7; 16-25 Col. 3:1-25	17 2 Chron. 36:1-23 Col. 4:1-18	18 Neh. 1:1-2:10 1 Tim. 1:1-20	19 Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6 1 Tim. 2:1-15
20 Neh. 4:7-23 1 Tim. 3:1-16	21 Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9; 6:15-16 1 Tim. 4:1-16	22 Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18 1 Tim. 5:1-16	23 Neh. 9:1-21 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2	24 Neh. 9:22-38 1 Tim. 6:3-21	25 Mal. 1:1-14 Matt. 3:1-17	26 Mal. 2:1-3:5 Matt. 4:1-11
27 Mal. 3:6-4:6 Matt. 4:12-25	28 Deut. 1:1-18 Matt. 5:1-20	29 Deut. 1:19-36 Matt. 5:21-48	30 Deut. 1:37-2:15 Matt. 6:1-15			

July 2020 Income & Expense Summary

July General Fund Income: \$82,676.95
 July General Fund Expenses: (\$76,593.91)
 July Surplus \$6,083.04
 Year to date: Deficit (\$29,331.72)
 Overall: Gen Fund Checking Balance: (\$12,788.39)

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 07/31/2020: \$410,409.76
 Debt free date if nothing changes: March 2024
 Mortgage Payment \$10,000.00
 * Principal \$4,613.26
 * Interest \$5,386.74
 Amount received to pay mortgage: \$14,198.92
 Amount Added to contingency fund: \$4,660.33
 Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$67,360.64

Special Thanks!

Thank you to all the ladies who send me flowers and notes. They are all very much appreciated!

-Eunice Peche

CEF Representative

The Church Extension Fund is a great way to serve the mission of God and LCMS Churches in Michigan. Members invest in funds or notes and the proceeds are used for loans for building projects and loans to church workers. You can set up an IRA or invest for retirement. The rates are very competitive with current rates available through banks or credit unions. Check out their website at micef.org.

We are looking for someone to be the Church Extension Fund representative. You would be promoting CEF at St Paul. Your job would be to assist members and provide them with information about how to invest with CEF. You are not providing financial advice, but information about forms, rates, and options to invest. You have resources that are provided by CEF. You would attend an annual weekend conference also. If you are interested, you can contact John Petzold 871-6133 or Jim Weber 871-4063.





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