



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 2019

"We are God's servants, saved by grace, through faith, commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all."

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Worship Services

Sunday 10 A.M.
(summer schedule)
Saturday 7 P.M.

Bible Study

Sunday 9:00 A.M.

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A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

September is often my favorite month of the year. The weather is typically warm during the day and cool at night. Football season kicks-off. And I **love** football. The leaves begin to change. Kids are back in school. A sense of "normalcy", whatever that is, settles in. Hopefully, we all feel rested and refreshed from summer.

This is true of St. Paul as well. And while we never take a "vacation" from worshiping God or serving our neighbors in love, nevertheless, September brings with it a sense of "new beginnings" and a return to "normalcy". School is back in session. Worship times will return to our "normal" schedule. New Bible studies and opportunities to serve have begun or will begin shortly.

Speaking of new, our school has a new theme verse for the 2019-2020 school year. Our theme verse is: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV). There's a lot to unpack in this sentence. And yet, it sums up how we, as followers of Jesus Christ, are to live and act.

But isn't it impossible to always rejoice? Isn't it impossible to pray all the time? And how in the world can we give thanks no matter what happens in our lives and in the world? What a bunch of baloney! And yet, this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us. What gives? And how are we to do this?

It might seem impossible to live a life in which one is always joyful. But for the person who follows Jesus by faith there is joy even in sorrow. Why? Because we know that Jesus rules heaven and earth. God uses sorrow to draw us closer to Him (Romans 5:3-5). And sorrow can never, ever separate us from God's love (Romans 8:39). The Holy Spirit helps us and prays for us in our weaknesses. And we know and trust God to keep His promises to watch over us and care for us even in our sorrows.

Ok, but how do we pray without ceasing? Certainly we're not to stay at all times with our hands folded and heads bowed in continuous

prayer? As believers, we commit all things at all times to God who cares for us. We do this in addition to our more formal and routine prayers. This is what it means to pray without ceasing.

But our prayer isn't limited to just words and thoughts. *"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17, ESV). The simplest actions of every believer, whether laborer, farmer, businessperson, clerk, police officer, etc. is praying without ceasing.

Moreover, our actions are the primary ways we give thanks in all circumstances. After all, our entire being – body, mind, and soul – is to be offered *"as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is [your] spiritual worship"* (Romans 12:1, ESV). In all we think, say, and do we are to give thanks to God, even when we think we have little to give thanks for. If you just take a moment, and reflect on all you have, you will find many things to thank God for.

As you return to "normalcy" and search out "new" opportunities to grow in faith, love, and service, keep in mind Paul's words of encouragement, and our school's theme verse, from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. In fact, write it out and post it somewhere that you'll see it every day as a reminder. Perhaps on the bathroom mirror or closet door. Seek out a "new" way to continue to build your relationship with God through Jesus and/or serve your neighbor. And by "new", I mean through a new Bible study here at St. Paul or at home. I mean through a new way of serving here at St. Paul or in your community that you haven't done before. Encourage your family or a friend or two to do something "new" together. And soon, you'll find yourself rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all circumstances. In other words, you'll find yourself living and acting according to God's will in Christ Jesus for you.

Pastor Tim Martinal



The September Messenger is sponsored to honor the memory of Alan Petzold, who would have been 61 years old this month and left us with a lot of knowledge about the love of God. Dearly missed.

Spiritual News

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 7PM - Sundays at 10AM

Bible Study - Sundays at 9AM

Led by Pastor in the Library.

Adult Instruction Classes-Sundays at 9AM in the Gathering Room. We will discuss the basics of what Christians believe and specifically what Lutherans teach. This is great for those who want to become a member of St. Paul, or as a refresher for a member.

Regular worship times resume

Sept. 14th/15th.

Saturdays at 7PM

(Communion follows the 11AM schedule.)

Sundays at 8:30AM (Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Sundays 11AM (Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday)

Bible Study /AIC between services.

Sunday School will begin Sept. 15th between services.

Other Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Bible Study – Sat., Sept. 7th

at 8AM in the Library.

Couples Night Bible Study! Led by Pastor Tim and Patti the third Sunday of the month beginning Sept. 15th from 6:30-8:30PM in the Gathering Place. What makes him silent? What makes her want to throw shoes? Come explore the Biblical plan for marriage and fellowship with other Christian couples.

Women of the Bible! Led by Patti Martinal the third Thursday of the month beginning Thursday, Sept. 19th from 7-9PM in the Gathering Place. We will explore the amazing lives of these fascinating women and how we can relate their experiences to our own lives. Join me for this fun and interactive time of learning, fellowship, and reflection.

Blessed Moments –

Moments of Blessings in Review

We showed our love for Jesus and the people He came to save through an offering presented at the Synodical Convention last July. This gift of \$391.00 will be used for mission outreach. We may not know their name right now, but there will be people in heaven we will meet, who learned about Jesus, because we made the effort to share the Word of Christ with them in this way.



Reminder – If you want to continue receiving the **All Calls**, please fill out a Registration Form found in the narthex or church office and return by Sept. 30th. We are changing to a new system, and you will not automatically be placed on the new list. Thank you in advance.



Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sept. 1st - "Look to God!" - Luke 14:1-11

Sept. 8th - "The Way of Blessedness" - Psalm 1

Sept. 15th - "Being Lost No More" - Ezekiel 34

Sept. 22nd - "Shrewd Faith" - Luke 16:15b

Sept. 29th - "Satan Has Fallen" - Luke 10:17-20

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour sign-up sheet has been put up in the Gathering Room. Our first Coffee Hour will be **September 15th!**

Please help us keep this time of Fellowship going! Coffee, cream, sugar, plates, silverware and napkins are provided. Suggested ideas for "treats": cookies, donuts, any baked good, fruit, meat & cheese...really anything you would like. We usually expect between 20-30 people each Sunday!

Thank you for all your help in keeping this event going! -
- Your Fellowship Team

Scripture Readings

September 1st

Prov. 25:2-10

Heb. 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

Sept. 8th

Deut. 30:15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-35

Sept. 15th

Ezek. 34:11-24

1 Tim. 1:5-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 22nd

Amos 8:4-7

1 Tim. 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

Sept. 29th

Dan. 10:10-12:1-3

Rev. 12:7-12

Matt. 18:1-11 or

Luke 10:17-20

Happenings at St. Paul

Tuesdays at St. Paul

Storyhour Tuesday mornings from 9-11AM in the nursery beginning Sept. 3rd. All preschool children are invited to join us for Bible stories, games, activities, crafts, and snacks. No need to register – just show up! Call Lori if questions 989-205-9873.

Quilting will begin Tues., Sept. 3rd from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Anyone can tie a knot, cut a square, and visit!

Painting - 6-8PM in the Projects Room

Karate - 6-8PM in the Parish Hall

AA - 7:30PM in the Council Room

PTL Outdoor Movie Event

Fri., Sept. 6th at 8PM near the soccer field. Everyone invited! Free admission – concessions available.

A Day for Celebration

On Sun., Sept. 8th we will have the **Teacher Rededication** during the 10AM service. Following the worship service, everyone is invited to join us in the Parish Hall to **celebrate** Mrs. Teresa Walter for being recognized as the 2019 MI District K-8 Teacher of the Year and also Mrs. Brenda Hoskey for 25 years of service. We are very blessed to have a great teaching staff here at St. Paul!

YOUTH EVENTS

FLAG FOOTBALL – ALL YOUTH

SUN., SEPT. 8TH FROM 2-4PM

COME FOR A FUN GAME OF
FOOTBALL AND PIZZA!

Handbell Rehearsals

Mondays beginning Sept. 9th at 7PM. Everybody is welcome to join. No experience necessary. You don't even need to be able to read music! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Keinath at 989-882-5531.

Jubilee Handbell Practices

Tuesday mornings at 7AM beginning Sept. 10th. All 5th-8th graders are encouraged to come and try it out!

Birthday Bingo

Wed., Sept. 11th at 1:30PM at Wellspring in Frankenmuth. Time TBA. St. Paul Dorcas is hosting and we need 4-5 volunteers. We are collecting small bottles of pop, chips, men & women socks, candy bars, soft breakfast bars, small boxes of Kleenex. Place items in the collection box in the wooden Care & Share cabinet in the narthex. If questions, call Fran Carnet 871-2439.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 12th at 6:30PM in the Chapel
Please come and pray for our church family, neighbors and friends, our Community, State and Country. We are gathering together on the second Thursday of each month to bring our needs and pray together. We will have a short message on the topic of "prayer" each meeting and then spend time praying for one another and the needs that are brought to us. We will also share some written prayers and learn how to pray more effectively. Come join us! All are welcome!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

has been scheduled for Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m. This is NOT a Voter's Assembly – we will not entertain motions, vote on issues, or present board reports. The purpose is single-fold: you need to know where our church finances stand. You will be informed on our projected income and expenses for 2020 and that we don't have the projected income to cover our expenses. We are seeking ideas from the congregation to mitigate an oncoming deficit situation. No idea will be turned down; nothing is off the table. Please come and be part of the solution. We want to be proactive and DO something rather than talk about it.

St. Paul PTL Presents:

"Midnight at The Masquerade" Dinner Theatre

Sat., Sept. 28th at 5:30PM in the Activity Center. Join us for an adult-only exciting evening of mystery, laughter & food. Arrive in costume if you choose, masks will be provided. \$25 per person. Call School Office at 989-871-4581 for tickets.

Scrapbooking Fun Day

Sat., Oct. 26th from 9AM-9PM in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Board of Social Concerns. Cost: \$35.00 – food, drinks, and prizes. This event is a fundraiser to support the Board of Social Concerns. The board offers support to members in need of monetary help, spiritual help, and guidance. It also helps them to minister to those in our community and surrounding areas. Please contact Melissa Wagner to RSVP and send your registration fee (checks payable to St. Paul) to the church office.

Dorcas Pallet Party

Sat., Oct. 5th at 10AM in the Parish Hall
The price will depend on the size you choose - ranging from \$20.00 and up. Everything you need to make your pallet is supplied at the party.

You must choose your design ahead of time in order for the materials to be here. Call Lori Osborn 989-205-9873 to RSVP, choose your size and design, or with any questions. You can go to C and K Design Pallet Parties on Facebook for more info. Looking forward to a good time!



St. Paul Lutheran School

September 2019

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.

We are looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growing and strengthening friendships...especially with our best friend, JESUS as well as finding ways to spread God's truths in this world where He has placed us. Our school theme verse for the year reminds us that God is always with us and we need to lean on Him in all situations. *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18"*

The start of our year has truly been blessed in many ways but especially with a dedicated faculty and staff, new students and three new teachers: Miss Alyssa Micholski, who moves from DayCare to preschool, Mrs. Amy France in preschool and Mr. Daniel Impemba, our band teacher. Mrs. France grew up and went to school in Millington. She is married to Justin France and they have been blessed with two girls, Makalya and Alexis; both attend St. Paul. The France family has recently adopted a new kitten named Pounce. Mr. Impemba is a recent graduate of Michigan State University. He will be teaching beginning and advanced band as well as recorders while he is at St. Paul. We welcome these teachers to the St. Paul family.

We welcome some new students and their families to the St. Paul Lutheran School family as well.

Kindergarten	Ava Leach, Swayzii Sebert, Garret, Landen, and Carter Walton
First Grade	Claire Kennedy
Second Grade	Claire Erlenbeck
Third Grade	Kolby Burkowski
Fourth Grade	Liliana Mead
Sixth Grade	Connor and Grace Erlenbeck

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



Sept. 3	Classes resume; P.T.L. Meeting at 6 p.m.
Sept. 6	Spirit Day; PTL Outdoor Movie Night 8 p.m.
Sept. 8	Teacher rededication @ 10 followed by a celebration for Mrs. Walter's Teacher of the Year Award and Mrs. Hoskey's 25 th anniversary.
Sept. 17	Constitution Day
Sept. 23-25	6 th Grade Outdoor Education Trip (Howell, MI)
Sept. 28	PTL Mystery Masquerade Dinner Theater 5:30 p.m.



October Sports

Girl's Volleyball



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

Soccer

Sept. 3	at Immanuel-Trinity	Sept. 3	at Immanuel-Trinity
Sept. 5	with CTK, Sebewaing	Sept. 5	with CTK, Sebewaing
Sept. 10	with Bethlehem, Saginaw	Sept. 10	at St. Paul, Lapeer
Sept. 17	with Immanuel-Trinity)	Sept. 11	at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Sept. 19	at St. Michael, Richville	Sept. 17	with Immanuel-Trinity
		Sept. 19	at St. Michael, Richville



School Musical Opportunities



All students	Sept. 8	10 a.m.
Free Spirit	Sept. 15	8:30 a.m.
Cantate	Sept. 22	11 a.m.
Cherub	Sept. 29	8:30 a.m.

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

Bookkeeper's Corner / Memorials / Financial Info

The Bookkeeper's Corner

By Diane Mills, Director of Finance

The Church Council has some serious decisions to make regarding our finances. We need your help to make the right decisions.

As you know, we have begun our Calendar Year (CY) 2020 budget cycle. According to our By-Laws, the proposed budget must be presented to the Voters in December for approval. Preliminary numbers are not guesses: they are actuals. **Our projected wage/benefits/tax expense for CY 2020 far exceed our projected income. Something has to change.**

We have not yet included normal operating budget expenses by Elders and Trustees and already our expenses are over \$1 million dollars. We do not take in that kind of revenue. To balance a budget, you must increase income, decrease expenses, or a combination of the two. Presenting a deficit budget to the congregation for approval means we are not stewarding our resources properly.

To that end, Church Council has called for a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m. This is NOT a voter's meeting. The church finances will be presented to educate the congregation on where we are heading. We want members to cast their ideas to mitigate financial disaster – NO IDEA WILL BE TURNED AWAY. Ask questions – learn how money is spent – see where revenue comes from as it relates to attendance, age groups and school tuition. The intent is to give you a clear picture of what comes in and what goes out and why.

We will not make motions. We will not vote. We will not have discussions about ideas. Rather, we will record any and all ideas, compile, and pass to the appropriate board for discussion.

This is your single opportunity to let the Board members know how we should steward your contributions. Please put this very important meeting on your calendar.

Area News

WDCQ TV (Delta College PBS) Presents Mid-Michigan Remembers Millington Area One Room Schools Mon., Sept. 9th at 8PM; re-airing Sat., Sept. 14th at 4PM Channel 19-1 or Direct TV 35. Featuring: Mr. & Mrs. Alfred & Albertine Burns, Mrs. Lela Higgins, and Mrs. Wilma Reamy.

Right to Life Benefit Dinner Tues., Sept. 17th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro. Doors open at 6PM, Dinner & program at 6:30PM. Prices: \$15 Student, \$22 Individual, \$155 Table of 8. Please RSVP with payment by Sept. 9th to Tuscola County Right to Life PO Box 402, Caro, MI 48723.

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Bernice Hinz	
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Gary Johnson	
General Fund	\$120.00
Building Fund	\$245.00
School Fund	\$25.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$40.00
In Memory of Harvey Schiefer	
General Fund	\$515.00
Building Fund	\$206.00
School Fund	\$40.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$875.00
In Memory of Lisa Mohr	
General Fund	\$615.00
Building Fund	\$85.00
School Fund	\$5.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$60.00
In Honor of the 95th Birthday of Erna Reinert	
General Fund	\$25.00

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 08/31/19:	\$506,529.51
Debt free date if nothing changes:	October 2022
Aug 2019 Mortgage Payment:	\$ 14,135.00
* Principal	\$13,143.39
* Interest	\$ 991.61
Amount received to pay mortgage:	\$15,987.50
Amount added to contingency fund:	\$ 1,852.50
Balance LEFT in contingency fund:	\$ 6,009.78

Aug 2019 Income & Expense Summary

Aug General Fund Income:	\$116,531.86
Aug General Fund Expenses:	\$ (88,502.61)
Aug Surplus	\$ 28,029.25
Year to date: Deficit	\$ (21,840.27)
Overall: Surplus	\$ 31,623.73
General Fund Checking Balance:	\$ 31,623.73
RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**	
School Designated Accounts balance:	\$121,336.06
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$ 52,979.77
All Memorials balance:	\$ 22,053.48
** This money is NOT available to spend on utilities, wages, benefits, taxes, supplies, etc. - it is RESTRICTED.	



SEPTEMBER

**Congratulations, Mrs. Teresa Walter,
2019 MI District K-8th Grade
Teacher of the Year!**

Teresa was born on December 31, 1959 in Ellsworth, Kansas. She attended Bethlehem Lutheran School in Sylvan Grove, Kansas, Ellsworth High School, and then Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. Go BULLDOGS!

She began teaching grades 3-5 at Prince of Peace, Racine, Wisconsin and served there for six years. She has been teaching here at St. Paul for thirty years, and also serves as the organist and choir director.

Her husband, Tim, is a Concordia grad, and he is currently a sports official and a driver for New Light. Her dogs, Tatum & Trudi complete their family.

In her spare time, Teresa enjoys reading, playing the piano, crossword puzzles, scrapbooking, walking the dogs, and flower gardening.

A message from Teresa:

"What a blessing to serve with God's people here at St. Paul for the past 30 years! I have experienced abundant joys, as well as some sorrows, but through it all, God's love has been evident in your thoughtfulness and care for me. God has favored me with many wonderful friends, bright students, faithful choir members, and a topnotch, dedicated staff. So many servant hearts! To God be the glory!"

From the Michigan District:

We are blessed with many Lutheran schools throughout the Michigan District, and those schools are full of gifted teachers serving their Lord by educating His little ones every day. Each year we lift up outstanding educators who are doing extraordinary things in the classroom. It is our privilege to recognize Teresa Walter as the 2019 Michigan District K-8th Grade Teacher of the Year. The following are some comments shared in the nomination process.

"Teresa is a master teacher, most gifted musician, mentor to all, and most importantly, a tremendous witness of her faith in her Lord, Jesus Christ."

"She is willing to learn and collaborate – a team player. She is loved by her students and parents, always willing to go the extra mile, always striving for excellence. Teresa selflessly dedicates herself to her students, congregation, music, fellow teachers, and her husband. She is a shining example of Christian living and love for her Lord."

It is evident that Teresa's ministry to the students, staff, and families at St. Paul is one that should be celebrated. We are thankful for her dedication to St. Paul's ministry and her willingness to lead in a variety of ways. It is awesome to see how Teresa has been a blessing to so many. May she continue to have a powerful impact on those she has been called to serve!

**Congratulations on 25 Years of Ministry,
Mrs. Brenda Hoskey!**

I was born in California on October 25th. My parents moved to Michigan (where my dad grew up) when I was four years old. I attended Reese School for Kindergarten and St. Michael's Lutheran School in Richville for grades one through eight and was confirmed there. I attended Reese High School and later Concordia College in Ann Arbor, where I earned a B.A. in elementary education in 1990. I received my Master's Degree in education from Saginaw Valley State University in 1997.



In my younger years, God moved me around a lot and I had the wonderful opportunity to serve at several different schools in the state of Michigan. I first did my student teaching here in Millington at St. Paul with Mrs. Walter. I then served at St. John in Adrian. After that, I was called to serve at St. Paul (Frankenlust) in Bay City. I left Bay City to teach at a charter school in Marshall, MI. After the charter school, I served at St. Paul in Coldwater and St. Paul in Royal Oak. Due to my mother's illness, I accepted a call to Bethlehem in Saginaw. I then served at St. John in Midland as a teacher and later a principal for a few years. I am now privileged to be able to teach here at St. Paul. I sort of made a circle around the lower part of the lower peninsula and am now back where I started my teaching career!!

I am married to my husband, Shawn, for three years. His kids live with us; we have two sons and a daughter. Tony is fifteen, Abby is fourteen, and Owen is thirteen. The older two attend Heritage High School and the youngest attends White Pine Middle School. We have a dog named Harley Quinn and she is a Labrador mix. My mom lives near us in a retirement home in Saginaw (my dad is deceased). I have an older sister named Janice, who lives in Frankenmuth with her husband, Jeff and the youngest two of my nephews. I have three nephews and three nieces. All three nieces are in college right now (one is an undergrad and two are doing graduate studies) and my oldest nephew just took the bar exam to become a lawyer.

I have a really busy schedule with three kids, but when I have free time, I love to read. I enjoy spending time with the kids and playing with the dog. I love to play board games, go to movies, and watch television. I also do some cross-stitching.

*Thank you Mrs. Walter and
Mrs. Hoskey for your service
and dedication to St. Paul.
You are a blessing to us all!!*

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a Adult Instruction Class 9a Bible Study 10a Worship + C	2 LABOR DAY Office s Closed 	3 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 5:30p Social Concerns 6p Karate 6p Painting 6p Youth Team 7:30p AA	4 6:30p Council 6:53p Church Choir Practice	5 6:15p Praise Team	6 8p PTL Outdoor Movie Night	7 8a Men's Bible Study 7p Worship + C
8 9a Adult Instruction Class 9a Bible Study 10a Worship 11a Celebration 11:30a Marvin Rodemsky 100th Birthday Open House 2p Youth Flag Football	9 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry	10 7a Jubilee (Jr. Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Board of Education 6p Painting 7p Nomination Committee 7:30p AA	11 6:53p Church Choir Practice	12 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Prayer Committee	13 1:30p City Rescue Preparation	14 10a City Rescue 7p Worship
15 8:30a Worship + C 9:45a Adult Instruction Class 9:45a Bible Study 11a Worship Contemporary 1:30p Congregational Meeting 6:30p Couples Bible Study	16 7p Handbells	17 7a Jubilee (Jr. Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 6p Dorcas Meeting 7:30p AA	18 6:53p Church Choir Practice	19 6:15p Praise Team 7p Women's Bible Study	20	21 7p Worship + C
22 8:30a Worship 9:45a Adult Instruction Class 9:45a Bible Study 11a Worship Contemporary +C	23 7p Handbells 7p Stephen Ministry	24 7a Jubilee (Jr. Bells) 9a Storyhour 1p Quilting 6p Painting 7:30p AA	25 6:53p Church Choir Practice 7:30p Elders	26 6:15p Praise Team	27	28 5:30p PTL Murder Mystery Dinner 7p Worship
29 8:30a Adult Confirmation 8:30a Worship 9:45a Bible Study 9:45a New Member Welcome 11a Worship Contemporary	30 7p Handbells 7p Nomination Committee					

Acolytes, Screen Techs, Greeters, Ushers, Sextons

September					
Acolytes	Aug. 30/Sept 1	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29
7PM	Sawyer Keinath	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein	Kailee Fackler	Carly Trinklein
8:30AM	(10AM) Hoards	(10AM) Peyton Schmandt	Ryan Keinath	Hoards	Ryan Keinath
11AM			Tyler Rude	Rodammers	Sawyer Keinath
Screen Tech					
7PM	Weston Reinig		Mason Lugg	Kailee Fackler	Mason Lugg
8:30AM	Ryan Keinath	Singers	Carly Trinklein		
11AM			Julie Keinath	Hannah Woolwine	Hunter Ayotte
Greeters					
1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday		
7PM	Wilbert & Sue Ill	Shelli Lugg	Mason Lugg	Ed Sergent	
8:30AM	Shirley Ann Petzold	Gale Brown Ken & Kathy Ill	Katrina Wager Rosie Horning	Dorothy Schreiber Eileen Ziegler	
11AM	Les & Diane Maxson Ron & Olga Nims	Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	Dale & Pam Hanlin	Keith & Heidi Woolwine	

Ushers

8:30AM
Sept. 15, 22, 29
Captain – Dwight Keinath
Assistant – Michael Albert
Ken Auernhammer
Colin Meacham
Daniel Meacham
Lester Miller
Jeremy Petzold
Luke Platt
Matt Singer
Eugene Weiss
Bud Zeck
Mike Ziegler

Ushers

11AM
Sept. 15, 22, 29
Captain – Richard Harpst
Assistant – Mark Rude
Mike Hoard
Heath Keinath
John Petzold
Michael Rader
Jay Rodammer
Hans Schmandt

Ushers

7:00PM Service
Captain – Jim Jaruzel
Sheila Haynes

Church Sextons

Matt & Angie Ayotte
Armand & Faye Carmona
Ed & Marcia Keinath
Ted & Katrina Wager
Rod & Nancy Wilson

Communion Set-Up

7PM - Kim Reinig
8:30AM - Mary White
11AM - Bonnie Wittum

*“Volunteers do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the heart.”*



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 35-36 | READINGS 103-108

September 1-14

103. JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE—Mark 11:15-19

WEEK 35 | Sept 1-7

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Is there ever a time when it is OK to be angry with someone?
- ◆ Worship and prayer are very important to Jesus. What does this mean for our attitude towards worship and prayer?

104. THE WIDOW'S OFFERING—Mark 12:41-44

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Why does giving reflect our priorities?
- ◆ Name some ways we are dependent on God for everything. Check out Luther's Small Catechism, a read the section on the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

Prayer: Gracious Father, make us mindful that all we have is from Your hands. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

105. THE LORD'S SUPPER—Matthew 26:17-35 (Also Mark 14:12-25 & Luke 22:7-23)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What do you think it would have been like to eat supper with Jesus?
- ◆ Why is it important to know and believe that the body and blood of Jesus is given to us in the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper?

Prayer: Dear Lord, so often we betray You in thought, words, and actions. Thank You for Your mercy, shown to us in Jesus Christ, who offers and gives forgiveness for all who trust in You. Amen.

106. JESUS IN THE GARDEN—Luke 22:39-46 (Also Matt. 26:36-46 & Mk. 14:32-42)

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Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Tell about a time you had to do something you really didn't want to do. What did Jesus not want to do?
- ◆ During this time of great stress, what did Jesus do?

Prayer: Jesus, You suffered so much to make us right with our Heavenly Father. We thank You for Your constant love and mercy, which covers all our sins. Give me courage and strength to pray in hard times so I'll be ready to do what You want me to. Amen.

107. JESUS IS ARRESTED—John 18:1-14 (Also Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What would you do/of have done if someone did something really mean to you?
- ◆ Jesus tells us to "love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). Name some way Jesus did this. How can we do this as well?

108. PETER DENIES JESUS—Mark 14:53-54, 66-72 (Also Matt. 26:69-75; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ When do you find it difficult to stand up for the Christian faith?
- ◆ Peter denied Jesus 3 times, yet became a powerful leader of the Church. How was he able to overcome his failures?

Prayer: Lord, help me to stand strong in my faith when times are tough. Keep me firm in my trust in You through everything I face. Amen.



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109. JESUS JEWISH TRIAL—Matthew 26:57-68 (Also Mk. 14:53-65, 15:1-5;

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Lk. 22:63-71; Jn. 18:19-24)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ How does it feel to be blamed for doing something you didn't do?
- ◆ Jesus wasn't the Messiah most people thought He would be. How does Jesus respond to the charges brought against Him?

110. JESUS BEFORE PILATE—John 18:28-19:16 (Also Matt. 27:11-26; Mk. 15:1-20; Lk. 23:1-25)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Jesus didn't defend Himself. Why did He stay silent?
- ◆ Jesus was convicted and sentenced to death for being a king by Pilate. How is Jesus a king? What is He king of? List some things Jesus wore or held during His trial that a king would wear or hold (Hint: Read John 19:2-3 & Mark 15:16-20)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You told Pilate about the kingdom of heaven so that he might believe and be saved. Give me and all Christians the courage to speak of You to others so they might believe and be saved. I am forever grateful to You for what You've done. Amen.

111. THE CRUCIFIXION—John 19:16-37 (Also Matt. 27:27-56; Mk. 15:16-41; Lk. 23:26-49)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished". What is finished? What does that mean for you?
- ◆ The Temple curtain was torn in 2 when Jesus died letting us know we now have access to God the Father through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus. We can now talk with directly. Write down some things you want to talk to God about and then talk to Him!

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You lived the life we were to live and died the death for sin we deserved. Thank You for Your mercy, which is new every morning. In Your name we pray, Amen.

112. JESUS IS BURIED—Matthew 27:57-66 (Also Mk. 15:42-47; Lk. 23:50-56; Jn. 19:38-42)

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Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why is it sad when someone dies?
- ◆ Who buried Jesus? Do you think they believed He would rise from the dead? Why or why not?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for sending Joseph & Nicodemus to take care of Jesus' body. Remind us that You will take care of us through life and even after we die until Jesus returns and raises our bodies and makes them perfect in glory forever. Amen.

113. THE RESURRECTION—Matthew 28:1-15 (Also Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-12; Jn. 20:1-18)

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ The women's sorrowful conversation soon turned to a joyous one. What might those conversations been like?
- ◆ Jesus talked about His death and resurrection often. Why do you think the disciples were surprised at Jesus' resurrection?
- ◆ Why do you think the Jewish leaders tried to cover up Jesus' resurrection (Re-read Matt. 28:11-15)?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, sin, death, and devil couldn't hold You down. You rose triumphant and You gave that victory to us. Thank You! Amen.

114. JESUS APPEARS ON THE EMMAUS ROAD—Luke 24:13-35

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ The disciples said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" Why did they have this reaction?
- ◆ How can the news of Jesus' resurrection give you hope and joy, whether in good times or in bad?

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You give us hope even when there seems nothing but despair. Cause our hearts to burn at hearing Your Word so we may be bold witnesses of the hope that You give us through Your resurrection. In Your name we pray, Amen.



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Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

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115. JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES—Luke 24:36-49

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Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Would you be scared if Jesus suddenly appeared in the room right now? Why or why not?
- ◆ How did Jesus calm His disciples down? How did He explain to them all that had happened? What did He want them to do next?

116. JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS—John 20:19-31

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why did Thomas not believe the other disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead? How did Thomas react when He saw Jesus?
- ◆ John 20:30-31 tells us why this Gospel was written. What does it mean that “You have life in his [Jesus’] name”? How does this help you understand Jesus’ words, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed”?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word, which creates and sustains faith in Your promises. Help me to always keep close to Your gracious Word and promises that I may never let them go, and so have life in Jesus’ name. Amen.

117. JESUS RESTORES PETER—John 21:1-19

Completed

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Why did Jesus restore and forgive him now? How many times did Jesus forgive Peter? Why?
- ◆ Jesus told Peter to “feed My sheep”. What does Jesus want Peter to do? How is Jesus feeding His sheep today?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, there is no sin so large that You can’t forgive. Remind me again and again of Your mercy and use me to connect others to You. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 Kings 18:1-19 Eph. 1:1-23	2 1 Kings 18:20-40 Eph. 2:1-22	3 1 Kings 19:1-21 Eph. 3:1-21	4 2 Kings 2:1-18 Eph. 4:1-24	5 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-17 Eph. 4:25-5:14	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, 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			September Daily Lectionary		

Meetings / Opportunities / Thanks

September Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Sept. 3rd at 5:30PM in the Council Room

Youth Team

Tues., Sept. 3rd at 6PM in the Youth Room

Council

Wed., Sept. 4th at 6:30PM in the Library

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Sept. 9th & 23rd at 7PM

Board of Education

Tues., Sept. 10th at 6PM

Nominating Committee

Tues., Sept. 10th and Mon., Sept. 30th at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Prayer Committee

Thurs., Sept. 12th at 6:30PM in the Chapel

Congregational Meeting

Sun., Sept. 15th at 1:30PM in the Church

Dorcias

Tues., Sept. 17th at 6PM in the Parish Hall

Elders

Wed., Sept. 25th 7:30PM in the Library

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer, or Donate

Cleaning out the house? Childcare/Latchkey is in need of a few items such as, Duplo Legos, regular Legos, Matchbox cars and trucks, play kitchen items, etc. We appreciate all and any donations to our program. Any questions, please contact Christina at 871-4581 ext. 5.

Help is needed for our next Rescue Mission date on Sept. 14th at 10AM. Every second Saturday of the month we prepare and serve meals at the **City Rescue Mission** of Saginaw from 10AM-2PM. Please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help. To **help prepare sack lunches**, please come to the St. Paul kitchen on Fri., Sept. 13th at 1:30PM. There is also a sign-up sheet on the glass case in the narthex. Please help if you are able.

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. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

It's time to start stocking up on **square boxes of Kleenex** for the church pews before germ season begins! Boxes can be put in the wooden cabinet in the narthex.

Special Thanks

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make the Youth Car Wash successful again this year. Thank you to those whose brought their cars to be washed – 119 this year – and thank you to all who made a pledge or donation. Your support will help the youth go to local and district gatherings and also different events (and have food) throughout the year. Special thanks to Julie Weiss for the variety of ice cream treats she delivered. A perfect snack on a hot day! We also want to thank the car wash crew. It was a busy day, and you did a great job! Without all of you, we couldn't have done it! Thanks again for supporting our youth! Your support and prayers are appreciated!

Thank you to my church family for the prayers and get well cards I received during my stay in the hospital and at Wellspring Lutheran Home. Thank you to Pastor for being there during my surgery. All was appreciated.

–Mildred Keinath

Thank you to Ron Petzold for donating his time and parts to fix the silver fridge in the kitchen. You are very much appreciated. –Trustees & Kitchen

Dear Friends at St. Paul Lutheran,

Thank you for blessing us with the wonderful donation of baby items. You all are the hands and feet of Jesus. –Your Friends at Beacon of Hope

Dear Friends of MOST at St. Paul,

Thank you for your donation of bracelets to MOST. Your partnership in ministry is a blessing to us and to those we serve.

In Christ, MOST Ministries

Generosity Challenge

- Thank your bus driver.
- Read a book with a child.
- Eat lunch with someone new.
- Pick up litter.
- Donate to a local food pantry or clothes to a charity.



Bryan Bassett	09/01
Grace Ehrmantraut	09/01
Carly Ehrmantraut	09/01
Jeremy McTaggart	09/01
Breanna Michael	09/01
Diane Blue	09/02
Tyler French	09/02
Marvin Schreiber	09/02
Katie Wiacek	09/02
Gordon Laplow	09/03
Shirley Snyder	09/03
Benjamin Weber	09/03
Emily DeOrnellas	09/04
Trevor Gleason	09/04
Rhonda McGraw	09/04
Ethan Murphy	09/04
Jan Reinert	09/04
Samantha Ayotte	09/05
Kaylynn Bostater	09/05
Mitchell Curtis	09/05
Kristin Erdman	09/05
Stacie Farnsworth	09/05
Pam Hanlin	09/05
Larry Henderson	09/05
Luanne Jaruzel	09/05
Jennifer Mays	09/05
Gregory Mohr	09/05
Marvin Rodemsky	09/05
Diane Williams	09/05
Jeffrey Yorke	09/05
Greyson Zilafro-Anderson	09/05
Clemens ILL	09/06
John Nitz	09/06
Kaitlyn Woolwine	09/06
Caleb Beyette	09/07
Katie Dunning-Burleson	09/07
Beth ILL	09/07
Mason Lyons	09/07
Alissa Anderson	09/08
Garrett Brady	09/08
Marci Draper	09/08
Cody Goodhue	09/08
Derrick Keinath	09/08
Dean Skouson	09/08
Darrell Smith	09/09
Jeffrey Draper	09/10
Marcus Jensen, Sr.	09/10
Alyssa Keinath	09/10
Dick Wiacek	09/10
Samantha Aguirre	09/11
Nancy Fritz	09/11
Lana Glady	09/11
Kathy Kirby	09/11



Kristina Hibbard	09/12	Emelyn Gleason	09/24
Katelyn Kaschner	09/12	Emma Hoard	09/24
Barbara Kauer	09/12	Kenny McKee	09/24
Mellicha Gleason	09/13	Heather Petzold	09/24
Amy Hanlin	09/13	Justin Allen	09/25
Gabriella Laplow	09/13	Madeline Bach	09/25
Luann Licavoli	09/13	Beth Ehrmantraut	09/25
Jason Wirsing	09/13	Hailey ILL	09/25
Hannah Woolwine	09/13	Hannah ILL	09/25
Pierce Force	09/15	Carson Morse	09/25
Sterling Force	09/15	Wildred IV Alvord	09/26
Janeen Witmer	09/15	Brandy Bodeis	09/26
Jessica Harpst	09/16	Daniel Daenzer	09/26
Deborah Porter	09/16	Zaya Fogerty	09/26
Donnise Reinert	09/16	Diane MacKay	09/26
Lila Sischo	09/16	Bradley O'Hearn	09/26
Audrey Wilson	09/16	Stephan Paquette	09/26
Alyze Davis	09/17	Michael Blue	09/27
Susan ILL	09/17	Reese Inman	09/27
Tracee Jones	09/17	Gail Lugg	09/27
Judith Pletcher	09/17	Denise Sherman	09/27
Nila Schmandt	09/17	Duane Weber	09/27
Brandee Stratton	09/17	Ken Auernhammer	09/28
Bobby White	09/17	Susan Flach	09/28
Beverly Rodabaugh	09/18	Tammi Laplow	09/28
Tedd Burton	09/19	Ryan Ramsey	09/28
Steven Daniel	09/20	Monica Russell	09/28
Denise Hoard	09/20	Shane Brandle	09/29
Steve Kern	09/20	Nancy Coleman	09/29
Alden Rodammer	09/20	Bret Meier	09/29
Ronna Bearss	09/21	Andrea Cassidy	09/30
Joan Benish	09/21	Amanda Hecht	09/30
Arianna Casto	09/21	Christina Hiles	09/30
Angel Gleason	09/21	Krystal Hudie	09/30
Darwin Hecht	09/21	Martha Jensen	09/30
William Hoard	09/21	Sharon Keinath	09/30
Kenneth Platt	09/21	Jade Rodammer	09/30
Dale Blue	09/22	Cynthia Wilson	09/30
Lori Brueggemann	09/22		
Corey Daenzer	09/22		
Veronica Horning	09/22		
Autumn Okorowski	09/23		
Ezra Ostrander	09/23		
Tom Devereaux	09/24		

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