



Monthly Messenger

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 2022

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

A Message from Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A new school year is upon us. And it began in an unexpected way. As you undoubtedly know, a car was driven into our computer lab two weeks before school was to begin. Thankfully, according to God's mercy, no one was seriously hurt. And our building is already undergoing repair. This unexpected beginning to our school year got me thinking about other unexpected beginnings.

Let's start with creation. Out of nothing, God unexpectedly created everything visible and invisible. This included His crown jewel: Humans, Adam and Eve. Abraham was called unexpectedly from all the people of the earth to move and begin the line of God's chosen people. Moses was certainly not expected nor initially enthused about leading God's people from slavery to the Promised Land. Samuel was a child when God unexpectedly called him to be His prophet. Likewise, David, perhaps 10 to 14 years of age, was unexpectedly anointed by Samuel to be a king after God's own heart. The disciples were called out of the blue by Jesus to leave everything behind and follow Him.

Speaking of Jesus, His is the most promised and yet unexpected birth ever. For in Jesus' birth, God became fully man. He did so in order that we might have an unexpected new beginning. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are new creations.

Much like the work on our computer lab, this new beginning is already underway in those who believe in Jesus. That's why we can pray for the driver of the vehicle. It's why we can thank God for what didn't happen in the acci-

dent; namely, no one was seriously injured and our building's damage was minimal. It's why we move forward with our church's mission and our theme for our school year: Making Disciples for Life. God calls and commands us to share His unexpectedly good news to all people.

In often unexpected ways, Jesus continues to bless us, provide for us, and give us opportunities to share His Word to all. And although nothing is unexpected to God, He uses unexpected beginnings in our lives and in the lives of our church and school in order for us to engage the world around us. As this school year begins, may we show unexpected grace, mercy, love, and hope to our staff, students, members, community, and world.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal

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Worship Services

Saturday - 7PM

Sunday - 9:30AM

Bible Study

Sunday 9:45 A.M.

Beginning Sept. 11th

Saturday 7 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 & 11AM

(11AM Also live-streamed)

**Bible Study/Sunday School at
9:45AM beginning Sept. 18th**

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The September Messenger is sponsored by:

-Bev Rodabaugh honoring the memory of Alan Petzold, who would have been 64 years old on Sept. 15th. Very loved and missed.

-Dawn Ayotte in memory of Mike Ayotte from his family.

Worship Times / Scripture / Faith on Fire

St. Paul Summer Worship Times

Saturdays at 7PM, **Sundays at 9:30** (+ Livestream)
Bible Study Sunday at 10:45AM in the Parish Hall

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays

Saturday communion will follow the 1st & 3rd Sundays

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

Regular Worship Times Resume Sept. 11th

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

Bible Study/Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45AM beginning Sept. 18th

*Contemporary 1st & 3rd Sundays

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

2nd & 4th Sundays at 11AM &

Sat. eve of that weekend

*Matins 5th Sunday Weekend

Scripture Readings

Sept. 4th

Deut. 30:15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-35

Sept. 11th

Ezekiel 34:11-24

1 Tim. 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 18th

Amos 8:4-7

1 Tim. 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

Sept. 25th

Amos 6:1-7

1 Tim. 3:1-13/6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Altar Flowers

The **flower chart** has openings to add flowers to the altar. The chart is on the wall between the mailboxes in the church hallway.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

We are looking for someone to **sub in the church office** on an as needed basis. Call the office 989-871-4581 if interested.

Contact Information

If you need to speak to one of the pastors or someone in the church office outside of office hours call 871-4581 #3 and leave a message or email church.office@spsmill.org. We will reply as soon as we can. In case of emergency, call Pastor Bruner 989-233-1994 or Pastor Martinal 402-672-9817.

FAITH ON FIRE

Will resume on

Sunday, Sept. 18th at 9:45AM.

Parents: St. Paul is committed to the Christian education of both you and your children. The Enduring Faith curriculum brings the truth of God's Word to you and your children at a level which will be both fun and engaging for the whole family. This flexible curriculum nurtures life-long disciples of Jesus. Age-appropriate biblical activities vary based on the following levels.

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

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

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

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

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

We will also offer adult supervised toddler care for children too young to attend the early childhood program. Materials include opportunities for parents to extend the lesson into the week with their children. Strengthen the faith of your entire family by attending this program. Looking forward to parents bringing their children to learn God's Word and then attending Pastor's Bible Study.

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

Lutheran Ministries "Worship for Shut-Ins"

Sundays at 11:30AM on

TCT Net. (DirecTV 377)

Sundays at 11:30AM on WAQP 49

The Lutheran Hour Radio

1400 AM Sunday at 8:30AM



Upcoming Events / Meetings

Upcoming Events

Zumba

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

Men's Bible Study

Sat., Sept. 3rd at 8AM in the Library.

Quilting is Back!

Quilting will begin again Tues., Sept. 6th from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall. No skills necessary. Everyone is welcome. Come and see how God can use you to help those in need. See you there.

PTL Events

Outdoor Movie Night

Fri., Sept. 9th at 8:30PM by the Soccer Field
Concessions available.
In case of rain, we will move to the gym.

Little Caesar's Fundraiser

Brochures will be sent home with the children the first week of school and will also be in the school and church offices. Orders need to be placed by Sun., Sept. 25th. Support our school by ordering pizza!

Scrapbooking

Sat., Sept. 17th from 9AM-7PM in the Parish Hall.
\$6.00 per person. Bring a dish to pass.
Call the school office to RSVP.

Meetings

Social Concerns

Tues., Sept. 6 at 5:30PM in the Council Room

Stewardship

Tues., Sept. 6 at 7PM

Council

Wed., Sept. 7 at 6:30PM in the Library

Stephen Ministry

Mon., Sept. 12 at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Board of Education

Tues., Sept. 13 at 6PM in the Computer Lab

Elders

Wed., Sept. 28 at 7PM in the Gathering Room

Area News

A sophomore at Valley Lutheran, Jack Koltvedt, was diagnosed with Leukemia. His friend, Anthony Wojtowicz, created a **GoFundMe** for him and his family to help pay for the medical bills. If you would like to donate and help Jack and his family please go to GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/ae743dad>. Any help will be appreciated!

All are invited to join **St. Michael's, Richville bus trip to Turkeyville** Oct. 27th. Cost is \$75.00 and includes transportation, turkey dinner and show "Church Basement Ladies." Sign up now and pay by Sept. 5th. Call Nancy Schluckbier 989-529-0320 or Connie Keinath 989-871-4125 if interested.

Camp Lu Lay Lea is asking for prayers for the ministry of the camp and for any financial support that could be given. Covid has had a significant impact on their finances since they were unable to have camp for two years and just now had to shut down their last week of camp. To make a donation, go to www.camplulaylea.org/, or send a check to Camp Lu Lay Lea 92 Ohio St., Lupton, MI 48365. If questions, email the director, Amy Wojtowicz at director@camplulaylea.com.

Lutheran Benefits Group, Sterling Heights is seeking a full time customer service rep to work with clients and prospects. Provide excellent customer care to churches, schools and employees while assisting in the growth of the agency. Self-motivated with strong administrative and organizational skills. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, general technology and learn third party software. If interested, please contact Keith Mueller at 586-739-5700 or keith@luthben.com.

Tuscola County Right to Life would like to invite you to our Annual **Focus On Life Benefit Dinner** on September 22 at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall. Consider purchasing a table (\$184 for 8 people), an individual seat (\$23), or student seat (\$15)! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone (989-325-1377) or email.

Join us for a celebration of thanks to our Lord as **St. Timothy Lutheran Church**, Otisville celebrates its 50th anniversary! "Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present, Grow the Future." Worship with us on Oct. 9th at 8:30 & 11AM.

Golf Outing: September 17 at Apple Mountain Golf Course! You are invited to participate in a day that celebrates the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School while generating valuable funds for Financial Aid making the Valley Lutheran experience accessible to students who need it most. Make a gift or register online at www.vlhs.com/golf. The entry fee is \$85 per person. Please contact Heidi in the VLHS office at 989-790-1676 with questions.

Michigan District Lutheran Adult Gathering In His Presence – Throughout All Generations October 14-16 at Mackinac Island. \$30 per person PLUS lodging. **Go to michigandistrict.org/lag22 to register.** You are invited to be renewed, encouraged, and equipped at the beautiful Grand Hotel. The theme for the 2022 Lutheran Adult Gathering is "In His Presence: Throughout All Generations," based on Psalm 90:1: "Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Each generation is loved by God and called by God to love Him and love others. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel.



September 2022

Welcome back to our school year!

We are looking forward to a great year filled with learning, growing, and strengthening our friendships especially with our best friend, JESUS and learning how to be God's disciples!

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:18-20 (especially verse 19)

Our theme for the year is *Making Disciples for Life*. This verse reminds all of us that GOD calls us all to be His disciples for all our lives and wherever He leads us throughout His world!

We have the privilege and are excited to welcome these teachers & new students and families to our St. Paul family!

3-year-old preschoolers- Charlotte Harsen, Lincoln Keinath, Naomi Kyle, Isaac Petzold, Charles Phelps, Karter Reinert, and Zachary Sebert

4-Year-old preschoolers- Wesley Bakewell, Blake Barden, Caden Blue, Hudson Hoffman, Gwyn Keinath, William McDonald, Maverick Kujat, Myles LaFramboise, Brinley McClelland, Brynlee Morningstar, MattieMae Nelson, Ellie Ptaszenski, Madaline Rosebush, Hayden Schiefer, Colton Thayer

Kindergarten- Roland Dixon, River Miners, Elliot Reinert, and Jayce Taylor

1st Grade- Aiden Reinertson & Adam Rudnik

2nd Grade- Natalie Laude & Aaron Rudnik

3rd Grade- Aleah Reinertson

5th Grade- Noah Laude

6th Grade- Joseph Rudnik

8th Grade- Gianna Nitz

Teachers- Mrs. Therese Dobis (5th grade), Mrs. Dawn Laude (6th grade, 6-8th Math & Science), and Mrs. Barb Riley (Principal/Teacher)

We are planning the following events for this month of September; mark your calendars.



- Sept. 2 -5 No School for the Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 9 Outdoor Family Movie Night at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 11 8:30 a.m. Teacher Installation/Rededication & Congregational Open House follows
(Return of service times: Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 8:30 & 11 a.m.)
- Sept. 16 Constitution Day
- Sept. 19-21 6th Grade Outdoor Education



School Musical Opportunities



September 25

Free Spirit Choir

11:00 a.m.



September Sports



All games begin at 4:30 p.m.

Soccer

- Sept. 8 at Trinity, Reese
- Sept. 12 with St Paul United
- Sept. 13 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 14 with Christ the King, Sebewaing
- Sept. 22 at St. Paul, Flint
- Sept. 26 at Christ the King, Sebewaing
- Sept. 27 at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 29 at St. Michael's, Richville

Girl's Volleyball

- Sept. 8 at Trinity, Reese
- Sept. 12 with St Paul United
- Sept. 13 with St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- Sept. 14 with Christ the King, Sebewaing
- Sept. 22 at St. Paul, Flint
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- Sept. 29 at St. Michael's, Richville

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.



Daily Lectionary / Serve & Volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Daily Lectionary						
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, 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. 4:7-231 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	

Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

We are in need of a **Jubilee Jr. Bells Director** for the upcoming school year. If interested in helping these ring-a-lings (grades 4-8), contact the school office at 989-871-4581 ext. 4.

Anyone wishing to **help prepare sack lunches** to take to the mission are asked to come to the St. Paul kitchen on **Fri., Sept. 9th** at 1:30PM. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

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

Screen Tech help is needed for the next year to run the screen during the services. Anyone 6th grade through adult is welcome to help. We will train you and add you to the rotating schedule. If you only want to help a few times a year, that will help too! Please call the church office if you can help in any way.

Support St. Paul and Bring in Your Used Ink Cartridges



Please keep bringing in your ink cartridges and turn them to cash!

Drop Off in the box on the wooden cabinet outside of the Church Office or in the cabinet in the narthex.

Large Laser cartridges are no longer accepted.

Please only bring in small ink cartridges.



Financial Summary / Memorials / Thanks

July 2022 Income & Expense Summary

July General Fund Income:	\$87,625.32
July General Fund Expenses:	\$87,210.97
July surplus (deficit)	\$ 414.35
Overall surplus (deficit) to date	\$278,066.99
Gen Fund Checking Balance	\$397,221.70

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$96,406.26
Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$103,804.43
All Memorials balance:	\$18,626.27
** This money is RESTRICTED***	\$218,836.96

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund July	\$740.00
Elders chicken barbecue net proceeds after expenses	\$781.66

Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Jeanne Spicuzza	
General Fund	\$75.00
In Memory of Sandy Shamel	
Memorials Undesignated	\$60.00
General Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Sherri Schiefer	
School Fund	\$50.00
General Fund	\$125.00
In Honor of Shirley Ann Petzold's 80th Birthday	
General Fund	\$265.00
School Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Jeff Ill	
General Fund	\$25.00
School Fund	\$10.00
Memorials Undesignated	\$20.00
In Memory of Bernice Schiefer	
General Fund	\$20.00

District Convention Report

Copies of the 103rd Michigan District Convention report from June 26-28, 2022 can be found on the wooden cabinet in the narthex, online with the Messenger, or you can call the church office to get a copy.



thank you

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Volleyball Car Wash! It was a great success and will purchase some greatly needed new equipment. We would love for you to come out and see the girls play. Our **first game** is Sept. 12th at 4:30PM. Go Spartans!

Children's Bulletins

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

Grantparent Fund

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 needs 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. Make checks payable to St. Paul School. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

Calendar/Door Scheduling

If you need to book an event, practice, or meeting, **you need to check with the church office to be sure the date is available.**

Please Remember - If you need the **doors unlocked** for your event, call the church office at least a few days in advance so we can have them set for you. We want to prevent conflicts from occurring. Thank you!



September Birthdays

Birthday Blessings to All!

Grace Ehrmantraut	1	Alyssa Keinath	10	Aiden Law	23
Carly Ehrmantraut	1	Dick Wiacek	10	Heather Petzold	24
Bryan Bassett	1	Marcus Jensen, Sr.	10	Emma Hoard	24
Diane Blue	2	Anthony Perez	10	Kenny McKee	24
Marvin Schreiber	2	Lana Gladly	11	Tom Devereaux	24
Tyler French	2	Samantha Aguirre	11	Danyel Dormire	24
Katie Wiacek	2	Kathy Kirby	11	Raymon Hoard	24
Shirley Snyder	3	Barbara Kauer	12	Emelyn Gleason	24
Benjamin Weber	3	Kristina Hibbard	12	Sarah Schwab	24
Trevor Gleason	4	Katelyn Kaschner	12	Justin Allen	25
Janette Reinert	4	Luann Licavoli	13	Beth Ehrmantraut	25
Emily DeOrnellas	4	Mellicha Gleason	13	Carson Morse	25
Bridget Marks	4	Amy Malchodi	13	Madeline Bach	25
Rhonda McGraw	4	Jason Wirsing	13	Hailey ILL	25
Crystal Wates	4	Hannah Woolwine	13	Hannah ILL	25
Luanne Jaruzel	5	Pierce Force	15	Diane MacKay	26
Samantha Ayotte	5	Sterling Force	15	Bradley O'Hearn	26
Mitchell Curtis	5	Jessica Harpst	16	Zaya Fogerty	26
Pam Hanlin	5	Deborah Porter	16	Stephan Paquette	26
Larry Henderson	5	Audrey Wilson	16	Shye Ruppel	26
Gregory Mohr	5	Lila Sischo	16	Chelsea Sebert	26
Marvin Rodemsky	5	Susan ILL	17	Duane Weber	27
Diane Williams	5	Nila Schmandt	17	Michael Blue	27
Jeffrey Yorke	5	Brandee Stratton	17	Denise Sherman	27
Kaylynn Bostater	5	Alyze Davis	17	Heather Frahm	27
Jennifer Mays	5	Tracee Jones	17	Jaelynn Gross	27
Kaitlyn Woolwine	6	Bev Rodabaugh	18	Reese Inman	27
John Nitz	6	Tedd Burton	19	Ellie Romain	27
Elaira Pashby	6	Makayla France	19	Ken Auernhammer	28
David Weber	6	Denise Hoard	20	Susan Flach	28
Landyn Duncan	6	Steve Kern	20	James Flach	28
Beth ILL	7	Alden Rodammer	20	Monica Russell	28
Caleb Beyette	7	Joan Benish	21	Elizabeth Freeman	28
Bruce Jr Edler	7	Angel Gleason	21	Dwight Radloff	28
Mariah Steepe	7	Kenneth Platt	21	Shane Brandle	29
Nelson Watchpocket	7	Arianna Casto	21	Nancy Coleman	29
Marci Draper	8	Darwin Hecht	21	Amanda Hecht	30
Garrett Brady	8	William Hoard	21	Martha Jensen	30
Madison Jones	8	Dale Blue	22	Sharon Keinath	30
Cody Goodhue	8	Corey Daenzer	22	Christina Hiles	30
Derrick Keinath	8	Veronica Horning	22	Krystal Hudie	30
Dean Skouson	8	Autumn Okorowski	23	Jared Petzold	30
Jeffrey Draper	10	Ezra Ostrander	23	Carl, Jr. Strouth	30
				Cynthia Wilson	30



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Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

-Leo Buscaglia