



# Monthly Messenger

## St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

July 2024

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

### A Message from Pastor

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#### **Summer Worship Schedule**

June 16th - Sept. 1st

Saturdays at 7PM,

Sundays at 9:30AM

Livestream on Sundays

Adult Bible Study at

10:45AM

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Your faith is your children's and grandchildren's best possible inheritance. Pass it on to them as often and thoroughly as you can. Using milestones creates special opportunities to pass on the faith. Here is a short list of 6 examples for you to consider:

#### **1. Heirlooms and Mementos**

Consider what physical items you might give to your children and grandchildren as a symbol of their Christian heritage. This could be a family keepsake, a cross necklace, or a family bible. Connect the gift with an important event so that they will see it and associate it with what the Lord has done.

#### **2. Rituals and Traditions**

Decorating a Christmas tree, coloring Easter eggs, family reunions – these are all common family traditions. Using these and others like them as a time to infuse the Gospel is a great way of communicating the faith. Likewise, rites and rituals in the worship service are excellent times to gather as a family or celebrate as anniversaries of an important time in your child's or grandchild's faith life. If you make a big deal out of it, so will they.

#### **3. Crafts and Projects**

If you are crafty, consider how building or making something together could be part of a milestone for your child or grandchild. Your finished project is a testament to time spent together and lessons learned along the way.

#### **4. Monuments and Memorials**

In the bible, the people of God often erected monuments to remind them of all the Lord had done. A tree planted at a family home, a family name carved into wet cement, a special brick or cornerstone laid into the wall of

a new house – these are all examples of monuments that can be used in teaching your child or grandchild about God in ways they can literally look back and remember. A family time capsule filled with precious items to open at a later date together is also a worthy endeavor.

#### **5. Responsibility and Authority**

As they age, consider how to give your child or grandchild new responsibilities. This could be ushering, helping set up Holy Communion, yardwork, reaching a savings goal, getting a job, volunteering, and so on. Responsibilities communicate trust and teach accountability. Handing off responsibility can be a great way to entrust them with authority.

#### **6. Symbols and Crests**

Christianity is a faith bursting with symbols, including the dove, the alpha and omega, the Luther Seal, and, of course, the cross. Symbols are packed with meaning and memory. Creating a family crest with Christian symbols and other images that are unique to your family can be a creative way of crystalizing your family's legacy and priorities. Plus, this can become a family heirloom to be passed on.

As you can see, there are many ways you can pass on the faith in a real and tangible way. I challenge you to come up with your own ways and share them with others as I have shared these. Take some time this summer to try one or all of these. Let's make our faith "fleshy" and visual to our children and grandchildren. Then, when it's their turn, they, too, can pass on what they have learned and believed.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim Martinal

*Equip. Build. Grow. Together. Eph. 4:11-16*

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## Worship Times / Scripture

### St. Paul Summer Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 7PM, Sundays at 9:30AM  
Livestream on Sundays  
Adult Bible Study at 10:45AM

**Communion:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**Contemporary Worship:** 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Regular Schedule Resumes Sept. 8th.

#### Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday from 10AM-3PM

#### 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 #1 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.

#### Concordia University

For updates about **Concordia University Ann Arbor**, or to donate to the Concordia Fund or Future Fund, please visit [www.cuaa.edu/futurefund](http://www.cuaa.edu/futurefund).



#### 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

#### Scripture Readings

##### July 7th

Ezek. 2:1-5  
2 Cor. 12:1-10  
Mark 6:1-13

##### July 14th

Amos 7:7-15  
Eph. 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

##### July 21st

Jer. 23:1-6  
Eph. 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-44

##### July 28th

Gen. 9:8-17  
Eph. 3:14-21  
Mark 6:45-56

## Upcoming Events

#### Men's Bible Study

Sat., July 6th at 8AM in the Library.  
Next month: August 3rd

#### Chicken Dinners

St. Paul will be having a **drive-thru Chicken Dinner** on Sun., July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30AM-12:30PM. The cost is \$15.00 and includes 1/2 a chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered noodles, coleslaw, roll and a dessert. Please enter off Fulmer Rd., go east and turn behind the school. We will be serving out of door 10. Come and enjoy.

7 desserts are needed for this meal. Please make in a 9x13 pan so we can get 15 pieces. If you would like to donate, please call Sharon Wyman at 989-823-7242 or Sandy Fackler at 989-871-9828. Thank you!

#### Meetings

##### Council

No July Meeting

##### Elders

Wed., July 24th at 7PM in the  
Gathering Room

#### Area News

**Vacation Bible School** at St. Michael's, Richville July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-8PM. Free dinner begins at 5:15PM. Register at [vbsmate.com/stmichaelsrichvillechurch](http://vbsmate.com/stmichaelsrichvillechurch).

#### Millington Arbela District Library Events

**Book Buddies** Tuesdays at 10-11AM beginning July 9th. A therapy dog will be at the library for children in grade K-5 to practice reading to.

**Storytime** July 10th at 10:30AM for Pre K and under.

**Craft Night** July 10th (Mod Podge Candles) & 24th (Nautical Knot Bracelets) from 4:30-6PM.

**How to Research Your Family Tree** July 20th at 10:30AM.

# Financial Information / Memorials

## May 2024 Revenue & Expenditure Summary

May General Fund Revenue:	\$92,587.06
May General Fund Expenditures:	\$113,468.47
May surplus (deficit)	\$ (20,881.41)
2024 surplus (deficit) YTD	\$ (57,761.78)
Gen Fund Balance	\$353,080.39

## RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary

School Designated Accounts balance:	\$151,844.69
Facility & Property Improvements Fund balance:	\$375,785.60
Other Church Designated Accounts balance:	\$70,749.59
All Memorials balance:	\$18,748.25
** This money is RESTRICTED**	\$617,128.13

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Grantparent Fund	\$505.00
Contributions to Facility/Property Impr. Fund	\$6,352.95
Net proceeds from chicken dinner	\$1,379.50

## Memorials & Special Gifts

In Memory of Isaac Higgins	\$25.00
In Memory of David Edler	\$20.00



## Praise the Lord! A First Grade Psalm

Praise God for the earth and all things in it. Give glory to God, all you red bud trees, rabbits, lambs, apple trees, tulips, giraffes, elephants, oak trees, tigers, maple trees, bats, pine trees, foxes, strawberries, kittens, sunflowers, bunnies, lions, cheetahs, deer, dandelions, boxer dogs, bleeding hearts, bluebirds.

Praise the Lord, all things created afar in God's universe - stars, the heavens, sunsets, the Northern lights, the sun, clouds, the moon, Saturn.

Praise God when you are at your friend's house, at school, at church, at home, at the store, in the forest, at a festival, at the park, at the hospital, at sporting events.

Praise God with the pastors, with your family, with firefighters, with your friends, with your parents, with your new puppy, with your grandparents, with farmers.

Praise God at all times, when you write, when you play badminton, when you pray, when you put on your coat, when you talk about Him, when you play, when you care for your pets, when you are showing love to People, when you play Nerf legends, when you go for a walk, when you are backing up trucks and trains, when you read a book, when you do math, when you build with Legos, when you watch "The Chosen," when you watch the ball drop, when you are clapping, when you are eating, when you are sleeping.

Praise the Lord, all people, places, and things, for the Lord created the heavens and the earth.

The Lord is Ruler over all! Praise the Lord!

# Worship By the Word / Volunteer Schedules

## Worship by the Word

Post Communion

### Nunc Dimittis:

As Christians eat and drink, the congregation sings and gives thanks to Christ for His gifts in the post-communion canticle. In this song, they proclaim to each other the confidence His Gospel gives in life and death. This final song is often the Nunc Dimittis, or the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:22-38). Just as Simeon held the infant Christ in his arms and declared that he was ready to depart in peace, so we, having received Christ's body and blood, declare that we, too, are ready to die in peace. You may even hear the pastor dismiss each table at the communion rail by saying, "Depart in peace." What he is saying is what Simeon meant, "die in peace" which we can do with the clean slate of sins forgiven in Christ.

Salutation and Benedicamus: The pastor offers a final prayer of thanks and asks that the Word and Sacrament strengthen us for faith and acts of love. We surround this prayer with songs of thanksgiving, and once again implore a salutation from the pastor and back to the pastor. In the Benedicamus, the Lord's people give God thanks and praise (Psalm 145:10) with the words that echo the Psalms: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalm 103:1).

Benediction: The Benediction, meaning "good word," is the final word from God for the service. God directed Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel using these words, which are known as the Aaronic Benediction. God does not bless His people with mere politeness or good wishes. Instead, He places His name on the people: "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them" (Num. 6:27). Receiving the name of God means belonging to Him; it means becoming part of the royal line. The Benediction recalls our Baptism, by which we received His name and an eternal inheritance. In both the proclamation of His Word and the Word in the Lord's Supper, we receive His name again and again. This Word of Christ's forgiveness strengthens our Christian faith and inspires us to Christian love, both of one another and the neighbor in need.

We begin the Divine Service in the name of the Lord. We conclude in the same name. We have peace with Him because we have been emblazoned with His almighty name. We are His.

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- Parts of The Service
  - Confession and Absolution
  - Invocation
  - Confession
  - Absolution
  - Service of the Word
  - Introit
  - Kyrie
  - Gloria in Excelsis
  - Salutation
  - Readings
    - Old Testament
    - Epistles
    - Holy Gospel
  - Creed
  - Sermon
  - Offertory
  - Offering
  - Prayer of the Church
  - Service of the Sacrament
  - Preface
  - Sanctus
  - Lord's Prayer
  - Words of Institution
  - Pax Domini
  - Agnus Dei
  - Distribution
  - Post Communion
  - Nunc Dimittis
  - Thanksgiving
  - Salutation and Benedicamus
  - Benediction
- Next Month we look at Liturgical Crumbs. History and Tidbits of the Lutheran Liturgical Service.



### July Acolytes

6<sup>th</sup>-Blake Erlenbeck; 7<sup>th</sup>-Emmit Stiff  
13<sup>th</sup>-Lucas Dobis; 14<sup>th</sup>-Gavin Blue  
**20<sup>th</sup>-Open**; 21<sup>st</sup>-Emma Burns  
27<sup>th</sup>-Masen O'Neil; 28<sup>th</sup>-Jaxson Switzer

### July Screen Techs

6<sup>th</sup>-Claire Erlenbeck; 7<sup>th</sup>-Lexi France  
**13<sup>th</sup>-Open**; 14<sup>th</sup>-Grace Hibner  
20<sup>th</sup>-Open; 21<sup>st</sup>-Gavin Blue  
27<sup>th</sup>-Skylar Wiacek; **28<sup>th</sup>-Open**

### June Altar Guild Schedule

**Chancel Cleaning:** Katherine Weber  
**Vestments/Linens:** Fay Carmona **Gift Case:** Lillian Sergent, Marie Ross, RuthAnn Petzold  
**Communion:** Sun-Kathy Ill **Open 7PM July, Aug**  
If you have any questions, please call Fay at 248-210-3673.

**Thank you** to our volunteers who help enhance our worship services. We still have many dates open. If you can fill in anywhere, please call the church office.

# Serve & Volunteer / Thanks / Daily Lectionary

## Opportunities to Serve, Volunteer and Donate

### Women's Shelter

Dorcas is collecting items for the **Women's Shelter**.  
**Items needed:** Hand towels, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste. Place items in the cabinet in the narthex. Thank you!

### Mission Lunch Prep

Fri., July 12th at 1:30PM in the School Kitchen. All are welcome to help prepare the lunches which will then be delivered to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Monetary donations are welcomed and needed for the lunches. Contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280 if you are willing to help.

### Grantparent Program

**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 continue St. Paul's long-standing heritage of supporting this important mission to our families, please contact the school office. You may donate for general tuition funding or to a specific student. Thank-you in advance for blessing our children with your prayers and support.

## 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.

## Special Thanks!!

**Thank you** for all the Happy Birthday wishes and for the little surprise party at quilting on Tuesday. -Marian Reinert

**Thank you** for all the cards, phone calls, meals, and well wishes when David passed away. All are appreciated. -Lorine Edler

A big **"Thank You"** to all that bought, donated, prepped and helped serve the chicken dinners. It was a success. Please mark your calendar for July 21<sup>st</sup> for the next chicken meal drive thru.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July Daily Lectionary</b>	1 Joshua 6:6-27 Acts 10:18-33	2 Joshua 7:1-26 Acts 10:34-48	3 Joshua 8:1-28 Acts 11:1-18	4 Joshua 10:1-25 Acts 11:19-30	5 Joshua 23:1-16 Acts 12:1-25	6 Joshua 24:1-31 Acts 13:1-12
7 Judg. 2:6-23 Acts 13:13-41	8 Judg. 3:7-31 Acts 13:42-52	9 Judg. 4:1-24 Acts 14:1-18	10 Judg. 6:1-24 Acts 14:19-15:5	11 Judg. 6:25-40 Acts 15:6-21	12 Judg. 7:1-23 Gal. 1:1-24	13 Judg. 13:1-25 Gal. 2:1-21
14 Judg. 14:1-20 Gal. 3:1-22	15 Judg. 15:1-16:3 Gal. 3:23-4:11	16 Judg. 16:4-30 Gal. 4:12-31	17 1 Sam. 1:1-20 Gal. 5:1-26	18 1 Sam. 1:21-2:17 Gal. 6:1-18	19 1 Sam. 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41	20 1 Sam. 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22
21 1 Sam. 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40	22 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3; 5:10-16 Acts 18:1-11; 23-28	23 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:1-22	24 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36	25 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16	26 1 Sam. 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29	27 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11
28 1 Sam. 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35	29 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9 Acts 24:1-23	30 1 Sam. 15:10-35 Acts 24:24-25:12	31 1 Sam. 16:1-23 Acts 25:13-27			

# July Birthdays

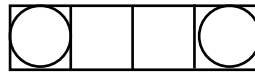
A Time to Celebrate

Sherry ILL	1	Margaret Higgins	12	Michele Alberts	24
Dwight Keinath	1	Laura Simon	12	Degrick Koch	24
Grace Hibner	1	Gabrielle Sherman	13	Justin Steepe	24
Maureen Sowden	1	Lydia Bruner	13	Eileen Ziegler	25
Sandy Weber	2	Brittney Cartner	13	Larry Stevens	25
Qwill Schmandt	2	Madalynn Paquette	13	Cheyene Pashby	25
Suzanne Bleuer	2	Kathryn Snyder	13	Coy Thomason	25
Wendy Edler	2	Keith Woolwine	14	Mellonie Dues	25
Ashley Wolverton	2	Patricia Petzold	14	Fred Erlenbeck	26
Lynnzee Burns	3	Andrew Jaruzel	14	Ronald Johnson	26
Allie Hess	3	Aurianna Rogers	14	Frederick List	26
Kent Singer	4	Kimberly Peche	14	Jeffrey Platt	26
Barbara Smith	4	Patti Howell	14	Lola Wendt	26
Erica Cunningham	4	Daryl Benish	15	Seth Holmes	26
Jayson Mays	4	Megan Butterfield	15	Cindy Kralik	26
Sheridan Singer	4	Erin Thompson	15	Nicholas Maschke	26
Madison Hoard	5	Connie Titsworth	15	Dusty Higgins	27
Dani Ayotte	6	Erik Torrey	15	Isabel Mose	27
Paige Ayotte	6	Dwight Rodammer	16	Dean Rohn	27
Dick Kolaja	6	Pat Saeger	16	Diane Sebert	27
Les Maxson	6	Brooke Shaffer	16	Blake Ferrier	27
Aaron Singer	6	Mark Romain	17	Michael Hibbard	27
Tim Singer	6	Scott Heike	17	Aaron Knoll	27
Richard Myers	7	Dennis Shaffer	17	Donna Osborn	27
Virginia Osborn	7	Ben Daenzer	18	Kolton Woolwine	27
Heather Sergent	7	Deklan Hager	18	Paula Kukulski	28
Morgan Aulbert	7	Neil Hecht	18	Christy Ostrander	28
Jeffrey Boerneke	7	Renae Roth	18	David Russell	28
Thomas Rosencrants II	7	Owen Schultz	18	Berklee Lowrey	28
Brenan DuBois	7	Kasen Ewing	19	Teagan Duet	28
Mark Paquette	8	Alexis Alberts	19	Rebecca Dalton	29
Karen B. Petzold	8	Brian Bentley	19	Mike Kern	29
Amy France	8	Matthias Grulke	19	Larry Petzold	29
Bud Zeck	9	Bret Holmes	19	Philip Petzold	29
Ethan Casto	9	Nathan Staple	19	Amy Yorke	29
Jenelle Keinath	9	Decima Sebastian	19	Anthony DeOrnellas	29
Ashley O'Dell	9	Kevin Clouse	20	Katelinn Koeltzow	29
Bradley Wilson	9	Abraham Higgins	20	Glenn Reinert	29
Aaron Keinath	10	Brianna Burns	20	Elizabeth Zeck	29
Dennis Rodammer	10	Velva Cobanovich	20	Tucker Woolwine	29
Nancy Wilson	10	Isaac Koch	20	Hans Schmandt	30
Kaden List	10	Laura Sherman	21	Bethany Daenzer	30
Dale Higgins	11	Nathaniel Okorowski	21	Sherry Sebert	30
Muriel Mohr	11	Linda Henderson	22	Bonnie Wittum	30
Makenna Stratton	11	Hunter Wirsing	22	Randy Wolverton	30
Karen Petzold	11	Jessica Allen	22	Sierra Goodhue	30
Cameron Schiefer	11	Addison Ley Willey	22	Alex Keinath	30
Shirley A. Petzold	12	Shirley Ann Petzold	22	Shane Reinig	31
Scott Reinig	12	Brianna Weber	23	Russell, Jr. Hayden	31
Kristie White	12	Ryan Woodward	23	Braxton Long	31
Logan Adamic	12	Tammy Simmons	24	Constance Wells	31

# Word Scramble for The Story of the Lost Sheep

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

SLOT



PRENET



EJOREIC



NEAVEH



PHEDRHES



**God loves us even when we**

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**DON'T LOOK  
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**CREATE IT.**