

The Messenger

AUGUST 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
CLASSES AT 9:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 7:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

STUDY the Word
SEEK the lost
SERVE all people
SHARE our gifts
In JESUS' name.

...St. Paul Lutheran Church

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FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
6/29 & 7/02	Worship Services	61 + 58 + 27 = 146	\$12,908.00
7/06 & 7/09	Worship Services	74 + 18 = 92	\$4,520.00
7/13 only	Worship Services	67 + 75 = 142	\$8,971.00
7/20 & 7/23	Worship Services	87 + 66 + 22 = 175	\$0.00
Needed each week			\$8,642.37

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September 2025 issue of *The Messenger* is:
Monday, August 25 at 12:00 (noon)

Articles may be emailed to **lynn@stpaulcaro.org** or put in Secretary mailbox.

To ensure that I get all information correct, please only submit by email or in my mailbox. No phone calls please. Thank you!

Reminder:

Sunday, August 31

Single service at **9:30 AM**

AND 5th Sunday Door Offering

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN DRAWING

The winner for the Children's Bulletin Drawing for June is - **Gwen**. If you haven't yet, you can either pick up your prize at the church office M-F, 8:30-4:30, or you can tell myself (Lynn), or Pastor, or the Elder on any Sunday and they can let you choose a prize from the prize box. The winners for July will be announced in the September newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS FOR 2025

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter for a month, please see or call Lynn in the office at 989-673-4214. The cost is only \$25 for a month.

TRUSTEE WISH LIST

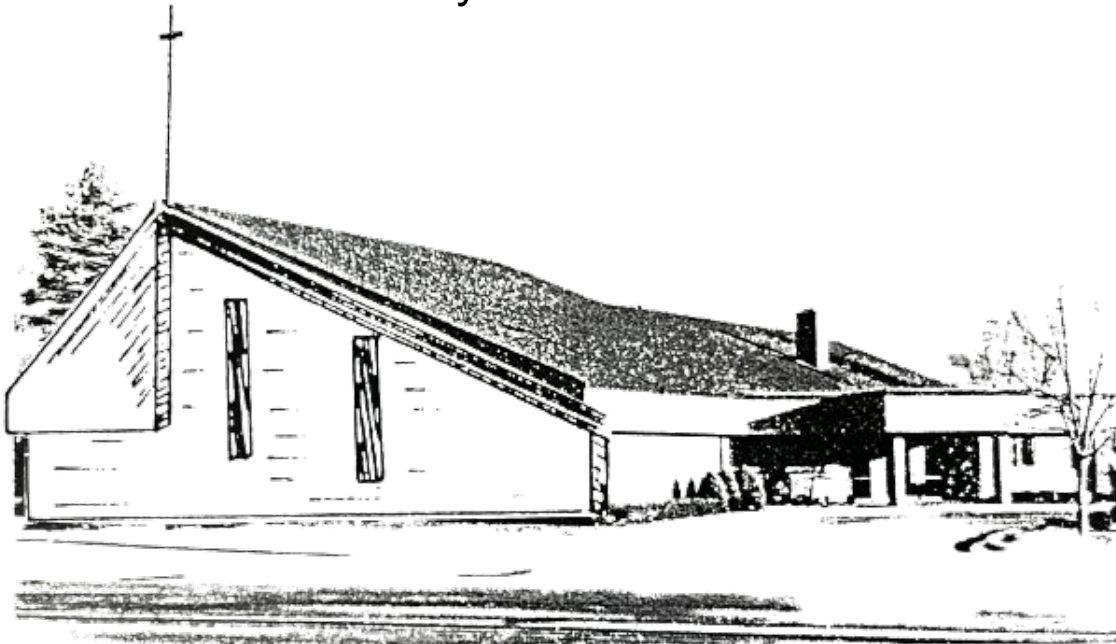
Sometimes the Trustees receive suggestions that would improve our facility and better serve our members. While most of these suggestions are very worthwhile, we do not feel they warrant additional debt or fundraising events.

Our special projects budget is currently \$2,500 which we like to save for “must do” projects. Sometimes a family or group have chosen to make one of these projects their own. If by chance your heart and checkbook are looking for a special cause, this might be for you. A wish list item could also be completed as a memorial to honor a loved one. If you have an interest or questions, please feel free to ask Matt Braun, Dwain Ewald, Robyn Blasius, or Ray Stec.

CURRENT WISH LIST INCLUDES:

Painting of the Cross

You may have noticed that our steel cross on the front of the church is in need of painting. Due to its height and condition, we feel this should be done by a commercial painter. Stamper's Painting Co. of Frankenmuth has given us an estimate of \$3,200. It should last 20-plus years. If you would like to make a donation, please label it as “Painting of the Cross.” Thank you.



Scripture Readings: August

3	OT: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 PS: Psalm 100 EP: Colossians 3:1-11 GO: Luke 12:13-21
10	OT: Genesis 15:1-6 PS: Psalm 33:12-22 EP: Hebrews 11:1-16 GO: Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)
17	OT: Jeremiah 23:16-29 PS: Psalm 119:81-88 EP: Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3 GO: Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)
24	OT: Isaiah 66:18-23 PS: Psalm 50:1-15 EP: Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29) GO: Luke 13:22-30
31	OT: Proverbs 25:2-10 PS: Psalm 131 EP: Hebrews 13:1-17 GO: Luke 14:1-14

LWML

Ladies - did you know that if you are a confirmed member of the church, you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)? Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall**. We take summer and December off. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16. Come and show some support for our new Co-Presidents, Lisa Graf & Cathy Erla.



**J.O.Y. TRIP
AUGUST 21, 2025**

Just Older Youth will meet at the church at **10:15 AM on Thursday, August 21**, and go to Caseville for lunch at Lefty's Diner, after which we will tour the Historical Society of Caseville's Museum, a local history museum offering a look at early farming equipment, a Caseville schoolroom display, showcasing artifacts, photographs, historical documents, and artwork. We can then get ice cream at Dairy Queen to take to the pavilion at the beach for a great view of Saginaw Bay.

PLEASE JOIN US for Christian fun and fellowship!! Just Older Youth includes everyone 50 and older. If you can come, please sign the sheet posted on the wall in the narthex.

20 August - Today, we remember and thank God for His servant, the holy prophet and judge of Israel, **Samuel**.

Samuel was Israel's last judge. His father, Elkanah, had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah bore Elkanah many children, but Hannah was barren. The family was pious and went up to the yearly sacrifice in Shiloh. One day, after eating there, Hannah went to the place where God was worshiped. She was deeply distressed and prayed silently to the Lord as she wept. Eli, the priest, after first mistaking her condition, realized she was in great anguish. He assured her that the Lord would hear and answer her prayer. Hannah vowed that if she bore a son, she would lend him to the Lord as a Nazirite all his days.

Her prayer was answered, and she gave birth to her little child whom she named Samuel, because the Lord had heard her prayer (Samuel means "the Lord hears"). When he was still a lad, newly weaned, she went with Elkanah to the sacrifice and presented the lad to Eli. She explained that the Lord had given this child to her in response to her prayer; now she was giving back to the Lord. So the little boy stayed and ministered to Eli.

The day came when God revealed Himself to Samuel, calling to him three times. At first, Eli thought the boy was dreaming, but when he persistently returned, saying,

"Here I am, for you called me," Eli realized that God was speaking to the lad. He told him how to answer. God called Samuel yet again and pronounced judgment against Eli's house. Samuel was hesitant to tell the old man the words of God but finally did so.

As Samuel grew up, all Israel realized that he was a prophet of the Lord, for the Lord "let none of his words fall to the ground" (1 Samuel 3:19). Samuel judged Israel for many years, but sadly, his sons (like Eli's before him) did not follow the Lord as their father had. The people demanded that Samuel give them a king. Samuel was displeased and warned the people what a king would do. Still they insisted on having one so that they could be like the other nations around them. First, at God's instruction, he anointed Saul of Benjamin as Israel's king. When Saul proved unfaithful and turned from the Lord, Samuel anointed Jesse's youngest son, David. Samuel died prior to Saul, and Saul, in great dismay at having no guidance from God, sought to call up Samuel's spirit. The apparition told Saul that he would be with him by the next day, together with his sons.

Samuel is remembered as a man of prayer whose intercession for the people of God was constant. He is remembered above all for his statement "to obey is better than sacrifice." This would be a theme that the later prophets would constantly repeat.

Weedon, W. (2016). *Celebrating the Saints*. Concordia Publishing House.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We once again want to thank you for all of your support for Operation Christmas Child during the past nine years. Perhaps you prayed, gave a monetary donation, wrapped shoeboxes, packed a shoebox, donated shoebox filler items, helped sort filler items, helped move filler items over to the church, helped set up for the Packing Party, volunteered at the Packing Party, or helped move filled shoeboxes to the Drop Off Center. **All of your help and participation is greatly appreciated.**

St. Paul Lutheran Church will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child this fall. We have spoken with Pastor and Zane and they gave us the go-ahead. We will once again do an ingathering of shoebox filler items beginning Sunday, September 21. Details of the ingathering schedule will be published in the September newsletter. Our efforts will culminate with the 9th annual St. Paul Packing Party to be held on Sunday, October 26 in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00 PM. If you would like to join us for that, you are most certainly welcome!

Your prayers for this vital ministry are very much appreciated. If you so choose, we appreciate any financial assistance you may be able to offer. If you prefer, you may donate to help purchase shoebox filler items. Diana would be willing to do your shopping for you if you would like. We will provide cash register receipts for any items purchased with your donations. To donate for filler items, please make checks payable to **Diana Mattlin** and write "**Shoebox Items**" in the memo line. Please place your check in Dave & Diana Mattlin's mailbox at church. Thanks!

Many of you designate your donations to help offset the shipping costs of the shoeboxes. The cost for shipping remains at **\$10 per box**. The need is still there as well. To help with shipping costs, please make your check payable to **Samaritan's Purse**, write "**Operation Christmas Child**" in the memo line, and place it in Dave and Diana Mattlin's mailbox at church. We will forward your donation to Samaritan's Purse. Thanks!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call us at 989-673-6660 or email us at ddmatt0827@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and your support.

In Christ, in service with you,

Dave & Diana Mattlin
Project Leaders for St. Paul



Bible Writing Plan

August 2025

Peaceful Pursuits

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| 1 - John 14:27 | 17 - James 3:18 |
| 2 - Philippians 4:7 | 18 - Psalm 119:165 |
| 3 - Isaiah 26:3 | 19 - Isaiah 32:17 |
| 4 - Matthew 5:9 | 20 - 1 Peter 3:11 |
| 5 - Romans 5:1 | 21 - Philippians 4:9 |
| 6 - Colossians 3:15 | 22 - Psalm 4:8 |
| 7 - Psalm 34:14 | 23 - Psalm 29:11 |
| 8 - 2 Thessalonians 3:16 | 24 - Luke 2:14 |
| 9 - Isaiah 54:10 | 25 - Romans 15:13 |
| 10 - Romans 12:18 | 26 - 2 Corinthians 13:11 |
| 11 - Psalm 85:8 | 27 - Galatians 5:22 |
| 12 - John 16:33 | 28 - Isaiah 9:6 |
| 13 - Romans 14:19 | 29 - 1 Corinthians 14:33 |
| 14 - Ephesians 2:14 | 30 - Psalm 37:37 |
| 15 - Proverbs 12:20 | 31 - Mark 9:50 |
| 16 - Hebrews 12:14 | |

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with
whom he is pleased!"*

Luke 2:14



FAMILY DEVOTION CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 40	2 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
3 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 100	4 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	5 PRAY FOR TEACHERS READ GENESIS 41	6 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE ACTS 2:38-39	7 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: BAPTISM - FIRST	8 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 42	9 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
10 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 33:12-22	11 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	12 PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES READ GENESIS 43	13 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE JOHN 3:5	14 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: BAPTISM - SECOND	15 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 44	16 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
17 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 119:81-88	18 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED	19 PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS READ GENESIS 45	20 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE GALATIANS 3:26-27	21 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: BAPTISM - THIRD	22 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH READ GENESIS 46	23 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
24 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 50:1-15	25 PRAY THE REQUESTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS RECITE THE NICENE CREED	26 PRAY FOR THE UNBORN READ GENESIS 47	27 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER MEMORIZE LUKE 9:23	28 PRAY LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER CATECHISM: BAPTISM - FOURTH	29 PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS READ GENESIS 48	30 PRAY FOR GODCHILDREN/ BAPTISM SPONSORS MEMORIZE THE APOSTLES CREED
31 PRAY FOR PASTORS READ PSALM 131						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

God's Blessings as you celebrate your special day!

August 1

Kim Scheil

August 2

Dennis Sattelberg
Ryan Blasius
Chanc Eremia
Kyle Ensign
Katelyn Ensign
Kristen Ensign
Sandyn Cuthrell

August 3

Linda Bitzer
Carol Enos

August 4

Stacey DuRussel

August 5

Suzanne Reed
Chris Carpenter

August 6

Barb Abke
David Hoard
Albert Pearsall V
Austin Elizando
Rob Fetting

August 7

Cole Krzewinski

August 8

Becky Bates
Jody Cryderman
Jackson Lester

August 9

Ken Hecht
Scott Fibranz
Ken Ewald

August 10

Richard Cherniawski

August 12

Shirley Dennis
Carl Schultheis

August 13

Adam MacKenzie

August 14

Bill Ewald
Bryce Barrigar

August 15

Lincoln Katz



August 16

Stacey Sattelberg
Travis Hernandez

August 17

Curtis Sattelberg
Alyssa Singer
Bailey Lazar

August 18

Marcus Enos
Elise Scheil

August 19

David Niedrich
Terry Hiser
Dylan Barrigar

August 20

Dennis Ziemba

August 22

Tom Thompson
Dean Burkel
Jennifer Krzewinski

August 23

James Kurish
Karla Cook

August 24

Tim Bates
Marilyn Hinderer

August 26

Aaron Strzelewicz

August 27

Melissa Koehler
Lauryn Cumper

August 28

Susan Cherniawski
Owen Creutz
Linda Culbert
Dale Gusko

August 29

Kylee Elizando
Laura Crossno

August 30

Isabella DuRussel
Jessica Bickel
Scott Cumper

August 31

Parker Gaudett
Landon Strzelewicz
Allison MacKenzie
Zeva Owen
Gunner Cook

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion	4	5 8:30 Quilters	6	7	8 1	9 2
10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion	11	12 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	13	14	15	16
17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Contemporary with Holy Communion 11:00 Traditional with Holy Communion	18	19 8:30 Quilters 5:30 Contemporary Rehearsal	20	21 10:15 AM - JOY Group	22	23
24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Traditional with Holy Communion 11:00 Contemporary with Holy Communion	25	26 8:30 Quilters	27	28	Elders: Eric Bitzer 550-0297 Anthony Del Real 670-1741 Kent Graf 673-5496 David Hoard 550-2969 Jamie LeBlanc 545-2131 Nick McCreedy 325-1017 Bob Smith 325-1038 John Weidman 550-4764 Gary Zick 673-7449	
31 5th Sunday Door Offering Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Single Service - Labor Day Weekend 9:30 Traditional with Holy Communion	Ushers: Koehlers Smiths	Flower Chair: Deanna Higley	Prayer Chain: Church Office: 673-4214 lynn@stpaulcaro.org			