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St. Paul Monthly Messenger

August 2011

Rev. James Bruner
Rev. Kirk Abatelli

A Message from Pastor Bruner

*The August Messenger
is sponsored in memory
of Mary Snover's
78th birthday.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Are we there yet?" is a common phrase that is heard during the summer as families travel. Even if you are single and do not have children, I know you have heard it or even said it.

The counterbalance to that question is the phrase "Getting there is half the fun." Check it out for yourself. Many businesses currently use this as an advertising slogan. They want us to believe it.

So if getting there is half the fun, **why are we in such a hurry to get there?**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" Prov. 3:5-6.

You and I, as Christians, are on a trip as well. As much as God wants us to be with Him in Heaven, He intends for us to enjoy the journey (John 17:13-26). He knows that we will enjoy the journey as we share and give away what He has given to us. Yes, He wants us to experience the joy of giving away grace and mercy the same way He has given them to us. We may want to get to our destination, but spreading the message of how God pours out grace and mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ is what is truly urgent. "Father... Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

The recent Sunday readings from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (chapters 9 and 10) are honest about the suffering and persecution

Christians can and do face in this world. No, the journey is not always "FUN," but we can still have peace, joy and an appreciation for the true love as shown through Jesus. God can make any rough road smooth (Romans 8:28).

No, we are not there yet. God will get us there soon enough. I can't wait, but then again... yes I can. I hope you and I will discover each day... "Getting there is half the fun."

Remember, you matter to God and you matter to me,

Rev. James R. Bruner

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."
1 John 4:10-11

St. Paul Website

Remember to check out our St. Paul website www.stpaul-millington.org for church and school information. There are also many links available for additional information and resources.



August Birthdays in our St. Paul Family



Kenneth Damm	8/1	Janet Love	8/10	Tori Duve	8/18	Kaiden Reinert	8/26
Susan Figgins	8/1	Jason Smith	8/10	Jeffrey ILL	8/18	Mark Reinert	8/26
Micheal Harrington	8/1	Kathleen ILL	8/11	Alyson Jacobs	8/18	Daniel Weber	8/26
Jody Hunt	8/1	Kenneth ILL	8/11	Christina Petzold	8/19	Eric Heuchert	8/27
Neil Kabat	8/1	Timothy Keinath	8/11	Hayden Rader	8/19	Vicky Petzold	8/27
Sharon Mitchell	8/1	Brayden Rondo	8/11	Ronald Schiefer	8/19	Charles Turner	8/27
Olga Nims	8/1	Felicia Ball	8/12	Kevin Adelberg	8/20	Hailey Brown	8/28
Richard O'Connor	8/1	Kay Horning	8/12	Courtney Baker	8/20	Susan Cherniawski	8/28
Chadwick Ruppel	8/1	Jessica Lenk	8/12	Susie Balcom	8/20	Tina Dale	8/28
Kellie Sherman	8/1	Carolyn Petzold	8/12	Rosanna Grzebinski	8/20	Ian Horenziak	8/28
Patrick Allen	8/2	Matthew Singer	8/12	Nikolas Jensen	8/20	Gary Lince	8/28
Chad Engelhart	8/2	Steven Titsworth	8/12	Kayla Osborn	8/20	Kathryn Pennington	8/28
Jeremy Frahm	8/2	Karen White	8/12	Jacob Koch	8/21	Andrew Rogers	8/28
Charles Michael	8/2	Gary Woelzlein II	8/12	Teresa Malace	8/21	Paul Schoenknecht	8/28
Amanda Roth	8/2	Patricia Ziegler	8/12	John Mallard	8/21	Amy Viano	8/28
Marlene Wilson	8/2	Kelsey Howay	8/13	Matthew McGraw	8/21	Justen Witmer	8/28
Jeremy Colman	8/3	Sally Hubert	8/13	Tyler White	8/21	Mary Davison	8/29
Mary Licavoli	8/3	Wanda Johnson	8/13	Michael Aguirre	8/22	Jacob Evans	8/29
Alexis Reinert	8/3	Robert Koeltzow	8/13	Lindsey Allen	8/22	Nicholas Ewing	8/29
Evan Reinert	8/3	Erin Schmandt	8/13	Drake Carlyon	8/22	Jeffrey Higgins	8/29
Beverly Wanamaker	8/3	Dale Todd	8/13	Emma Dalton	8/22	Julie Keinath	8/29
Joshua Bailey	8/4	Brynn Bearss	8/14	Jacob ILL	8/22	Terry Keinath	8/29
Stephen Ley	8/4	Kathryn DeOrnellas	8/14	Alexander Johnson	8/22	Vincent McCurdy	8/29
Bradley Nielson	8/4	Shelly DuRussel	8/14	Andria Kern	8/22	Diane Selich	8/29
Francis Rosebush	8/4	Victor Fabbro	8/14	Masen O'Neil	8/22	Connie Singer	8/29
Brenda Ruppel	8/4	Stacey Force	8/14	Mark Rude	8/22	Geraldine Stange	8/29
Jean Skank	8/4	Heath Keinath	8/14	Kenneth Sebert	8/22	Kathryn Abatelli	8/30
Larry Beagle	8/5	Timothy Kern	8/14	Penny Younger	8/22	Kathleen Badgley	8/30
Jon Carnet	8/5	Aaron Reinbold	8/14	Danielle Fritz	8/23	Carol Bannerman	8/30
Nathan Dalton	8/5	Hannah Sergent	8/14	John Sergent	8/23	Dawn Devereaux	8/30
Matthew Grulke	8/5	Beverly Baldwin	8/15	Mary Sutton	8/23	Edward Hunt	8/30
Thomas Horenziak	8/5	Norman Brueggemann Jr.	8/15	Michael Albert	8/24	Pamela ILL	8/30
Lorie Hunt	8/5	Donna Duranseau	8/15	Brandon David	8/24	Jason Jones	8/30
William Sherman	8/5	Stephanie Hanlin	8/15	Madilyn Draper	8/24	Hunter White	8/30
Garret Woodward	8/5	Kathryn Matzke	8/15	Troy Dues	8/24	Jason Hiles	8/31
Andrew Conrad	8/6	Lisa Mohr	8/15	Jonathon Hoard	8/24	Larna Peterson	8/31
Jamie Galant	8/7	Heather Selich	8/15	Lori Reinert	8/24	Travis Schiefer	8/31
Ronald Schnell	8/7	Charles Daenzer	8/16	Scott Reinert	8/24		
Alexandria Sergent	8/7	Roy Kauer	8/16	Raymond Rohn	8/24		
Thomas Shufelt	8/7	Judith Kolaja	8/16	Jodi Williams	8/24		
Keith Brown	8/8	Maureen Kralik	8/16	Joann Woelzlein	8/24		
Bonnie Fall	8/8	Alyssa Okorowski	8/16	Jake Finatri	8/25		
Adam Knoll	8/8	Collin Paquette	8/16	Alicia Griesing	8/25		
Andrew Lugg	8/8	Malachi Wager	8/16	Adam Jacobs	8/25		
Cassie Allard	8/9	Mason Wolfington	8/16	David Lyons	8/25		
Alicia Bellows	8/9	Lisa Daenzer	8/17	Emma Mitchell	8/25		
Dale Hanlin	8/9	Shannon Decker	8/17	Michael Reinert	8/25		
Diane Prusi	8/9	Gerald Gross	8/17	Matthew Blue	8/26		
James Stratton	8/9	Jennifer Herrick	8/17	Ryan Damm	8/26		
Haley Turner	8/9	Cynthia Jensen	8/17	Janel Dues	8/26		
Katherine Werner	8/9	Megan Russell	8/17	John Hergenreder	8/26		
Lisa Beckrow	8/10	Bethany Severn	8/17	Thomas Keinath	8/26		
Jeremy Kern	8/10	Kendall Steepe	8/17	Laura Oliver	8/26		
Garry Knapp	8/10	Patricia Wahl	8/17	Teresa Powell	8/26		

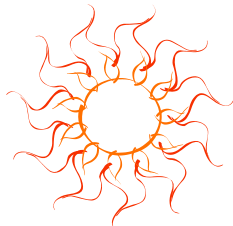
If your name does not appear on your birthday month, please call the church office so we can update our records. Thanks.

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**Wal-Mart is not the
only saving place.**

Come on in!

Calendar of Events

Meetings

Council Wed., Aug. 3rd at 7:30PM

Stephen Ministry Mon., Aug. 8th & 22nd at 7PM

Voters' Assembly Wed., Aug. 10th at 7PM

Elders Wed., Aug. 24th at 7:30PM

Millington Old Fashioned Festival

Thursday, Aug. 11th through Sunday, Aug. 14th
Please help St. Paul by visiting the PTL fish booth and the 8th Grade hot dog booth.

DLWIM Bake Sale Aug. 12th at 9AM near Millington Insurance Agency. Set up is at 8:30AM. We need pies, breads, butterhorns, cakes, cinnamon rolls, cookies and more. Thank you to all who bake for our sale.

Annual Hymn Sing Sun., Aug. 14th at 6PM in the Bus Stop Tent. If you would like to perform a musical special, please contact Pastor Eric Slade 810-625-2552 or email: pastoreric@millnaz.com by Tues., Aug. 9th.

Messenger/Calendar Deadline
Saturday, August 20th

Back to School Night

Fri., Aug. 26th from 6:30-9PM.
Watch the bulletin for details.

Women's Fall Softball/Kickball

Approximately 20-30 women who like to laugh (and get some exercise as a bonus) are needed. Ages 14-114 (keep in mind you must have your own medical insurance.) :) Bring your own equipment—ball gloves and bats and extras if you have them.

Start time will be 5:30PM on the St. Paul ball field.

- Begin with prayer.
- Decide which game to play.
- Divide into teams.
- Play until it is no longer safe or no one is able to keep moving.
- Offered on a variety of nights to accommodate many schedules.

Purpose: Good Christian fun and fellowship with the possibility of making new friends of all ages.

Stress about winning will not be allowed.

Starts Thursday, Sept. 8th

Sept. 14, 21, 27 Oct. 4, 13, 19, 27 Nov. 3

Sign up in church office or in narthex between services.

Fall Festival

All Hands on Deck for the Fall Festival!

Our first annual Fall Festival is coming quickly - September 30th—October 1st.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Please make time to assist in helping us initiate this great family time. Helping hands are needed in welcoming booths, food booths, fish fry and pancake breakfast, kid's areas, tractor and crafter's displays and much more. Assistance and fundraising opportunities are available for any Millington area group.

This is an important fundraiser for St. Paul Lutheran School, as well as a great opportunity for Millington as a whole. Please take the time today to call and volunteer just a few hours of your day.

Sign up sheets will be available in church beginning the middle of August. For more information or for early signup, contact the school office 871-4581 or Diane Bishop 871-4810.

Zumba Classes

Zumba dance is quite a popular way to exercise and have fun while keeping healthy. This September, we will be offering a free class for members and anyone in the community. The music is multi-cultural and adds to the unique aspect of this style of dance. We will also be incorporating Christian music. There will be devotional thoughts available to take home for personal reflection. We also want to form a small group Bible study for those interested. Consider this as a way to get part of your Body and Soul Exercise (B.A.S.E.).

Did You Know?

That it costs approximately \$75.00 a week to provide food for Breakfast Club?



Spiritual News / Memorials



Adult Bible Studies Sunday Mornings at 9:45AM

† **Resurrection Evidence**—Led by Pastor Abatelli in the Choir warm up room or Parish Hall depending on number of people attending.

Dates: August 7, 14, 21, 28

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"Did Christ really rise from the dead?"
"Is there any truth in the resurrection?"
"Is there any proof in History?"

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Since Christ's rising to life people have been calling it ridiculous, a myth, irrational, and just plain silly. They ignore the facts, but those who examined the evidence or even tried to disprove Christ rising to life have become Christian. Come and explore with me the proof of Christ's resurrection that cannot be ignored or explained away.

Then find out - what does this mean for you?

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is Christians reaching out to others—to the lonely, the depressed, the newcomer, the elderly, the divorced, the sick, the grieving. In September, we will begin another opportunity of Stephen Ministry training. As one Stephen Minsiter said, "Stephen Ministry has been one of the most enriching and blessed experiences of my life. The lay caring ministry is really the heart of the Church." If you are interested in being trained or would like more information, contact Pastor Bruner, Laurel Woodward, Paul Schoenkecht or the church office.

Heroes

Tues., Aug. 2nd at 7PM.

If you are a man who wants to make a positive impact at St. Paul Lutheran, we would love to have you join our **HEROES Men's Ministry**. We meet each month on the first Tuesday at 7PM. If you have any questions, please call Eddie Meeks 989-714-1031, David Kaiser 823-3111, or Pastor Abatelli 871-5015.

New Babies

When your new baby is born, please call the church office as soon as possible. It is such a wonderful blessing and we would like to congratulate you. We have gifts for your newborn and family.

August Scripture Readings

August 7th

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-25

Matthew 13:1-9 [18-23]

August 14th

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-30 [36-43]

August 21st

I Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

August 28th

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 8:35-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Musical Opportunities

Praise Team

Meets every Thursday at 6:15PM.
Anyone is welcome to join at any time.



AUGUST 2011 MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

IN HONOR OF Norman Weiss on his 90TH Birthday
General Fund \$320.00

IN THANKSGIVING FOR Ministry by Pastor Bruner
General Fund \$200.00

IN MEMORY OF Martin Damm, Sr
General Fund \$20.00
Boiler Fund 5.00
To be designated by family 30.00

IN MEMORY OF Harvey Reinert
General Fund \$320.00
Building Fund 20.00

IN MEMORY OF my sister Diane Keinath Kroska,
who would have been 50 years old on 7-15-11
Christian Care \$150.00



August Schedule



Acolytes

August	Time	Acolyte	Back Up
6 th	7:30PM	Alex & Tim Sergent	Zack & Morgan Aulbert
7 th	8:30AM	Taylor Martinez & Tim Popham	Eddie & Eddie Meeks
7 th	11AM	Aaron Reinbold & Justin Allen	David & Mike Derscha
13 th	7:30PM	Hayley Usrey & George Corrigan	Brendan Johnson
14 th	8:30AM	Aaron & Kent Singer	Evan Hoard
14 th	11AM	David & Mike Derscha	ReAnna & Gary Hecht
20 th	7:30PM	Zack & Morgan Aulbert	Taylor Martinez & Tim Popham
21 st	8:30AM	Tim & Kent Singer	Nick Harson
21 st	11AM	Malachi & Gary Hecht	Bethany & Tim Daenzer
27 th	7:30PM	Jeremy Corrigan	Brendan Johnson
28 th	8:30AM	Evan Hoard	Aaron & Kent Singer
28 th	11AM	Bethany & Tim Daenzer	Addison & Stephen Ley

Greeters	Day	Time	Greeters
First Sunday	8:30AM	Shirley Petzold, Ken & Kathy III	
	11:00AM	Les & Diane Maxson, Ron & Olga Nims	
Second Sunday	8:30AM	Russell & Sherry III & Rachel III	
	11:00AM	LuAnn Licavoli, Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel	
Third Sunday	8:30AM	Dianne Scarborough, Natalie Smith	
	11:00AM	Rosie Horning, Linda Kester, Dale & Pam Hanlin	
Fourth Sunday	8:30AM	Jim Bickel	
	11:00AM	Evelyn Gregory, Anna Tuttle, Cheri Sutherland	
Fifth Sunday	8:30AM	Donna Torrey	
	11:00AM	Linda Kester, Steve & Nila Schmandt	
Second Saturday	7:30PM	Bill Bleuer & Betty Bleuer	
Greeter Subs – Denise Miller (871-2675), Sherry Sebert (871-3084)			

Ushers

Team A

7:30PM	Brian Glady - Captain; Dale Peche
8:30AM	Phil Gordon - Captain; Ron Johnson - Assistant John Keinath, Kerry Koch, James Kribs, James Petzold, Larry Petzold Peter Shollack, Chris Smith, Gerry Smith, Gerry Smith II, Jason Smith
11:00AM	Dick Gross - Captain; Arnold Petzold - Assistant Chuck Eilers, Jason Germain, Steve Holmes, Seth Keinath, Tom Keinath, Derrick (Kip) Keinath, Mike O'Hearn, Phil Petzold, Mathew Slough

Church Sextons

Rodger & Judy Grulke	Elmer Snover
Ray & Judy Leach	Ted & Katrina Wager
Ron & Ruth Mieske	Rod & Nancy Wilson
Ed & Marcia Keinath	

Thank you to everyone who in any way volunteers their time to help with the worship services.
May your servant heart continue to bless those you serve at St. Paul.

Serve & Volunteer

Opportunities to Serve and Volunteer

"In this life we cannot always do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

-Mother Teresa

Guest Preacher

Rev. Steve Stutz from Food for the Poor will be our guest preacher November 19th & 20th. **We are looking for someone from our congregation to provide him with a place to stay, meals, and a ride to and from the Flint airport.** He is flying in on Saturday at 12:53PM and leaving Sunday at 5:40PM. Please call the church office if you can help with this.

Rides to Appointments

Occasionally someone may be in **need of a ride to and from a doctor's appointment.** If you feel this is something you can lend a hand with, please contact Paul Schoenknecht 871-2280, Carol Weber 871-9975, or the church office 871-4581.

Hospital Visits

Would you be able to visit someone in the Hospital? It does not take anyone with special skills or talents. It just takes you. If you feel you can do this, call the church office, Fran Carnet 871-2439 or Jan Snyder 871-4420. If you could visit either Saginaw or Flint, even every couple of weeks, this would be helpful.

Millington Festival

August 11th - 13th

Please help St. Paul by volunteering in one of our food booths or by helping with prep work, set-up or tear-down. It takes many volunteer hours to run the booths and make them successful. Call us to work a shift in the fish booth. Don't wait for us to call you! **We need volunteers!** Please call the church or school office to sign up.

Float Committee

We are looking for a committee to be responsible for putting together a float every year for the Millington Old Fashioned Festival. The parade this year is Fri., Aug. 12th at 6PM and the theme is "Old Time Western Fun." Anyone willing to help or head up a committee, please call the church office.

Messenger Sponsors

Messenger sponsors are needed for September. Each mailing costs \$120.00 or \$60.00/month to co-sponsor. Call the church office to reserve a special month. If you would prefer to read your Messenger online, please notify the church office to enable this savings.

Meals for the Abatelli Family

If you would like to **prepare meals for the Abatelli family**, go to www.caringmeals.com/plan/KatieAbatelli. Simply log in and choose your date. If you don't have computer access, feel free to contact Paul Schoenknecht or Carol Weber and they will help get your date scheduled. Thank you for your help.

Would you like to be a Worship Tech for our services?

You would be responsible for running the screen for our services each weekend in your service of choice. (Contemporary services are covered.) The services will be created, we just need you to run them. If interested, please contact Laura Gleim.

Coaches Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following coaching positions for the St. Paul 2011-2012 school year:

Soccer Coach Assistant

Basketball Boy's B-Team Coach and Assistant - Team 2

Basketball Girl's B-Team Coach and Assistant - Team 2

Volleyball Girl's B-Team Coach and Assistant

Track Coach Assistant

Please call the school office if you can help with any of these positions.

Carryover Deficit 5-30-11		(24,635.53)
June General Fund Income	76,386.18	
General Fund Expenses	<u>88,159.34</u>	
Balance		(11,773.16)
Ending Deficit 6-30-11		(36,408.69)
Building Fund		15,635.50
Missions (Budgeted & Non-Budgeted)		1,597.75
T.I.M.		1,119.00
VLHS		387.00
Boiler Fund		105.00

Many Thanks!

Many, many thanks to Tri County Computers (John & Debbie Hiles) and to Matt Lambertson for helping us get our computer server replaced. Your timely efforts and your Christ-like attitudes made this much easier to handle. May God bless you all for your hard work and servant hearts!

School News

Coaches Needed:

We are still in need of some coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.

Girls B-team volleyball coach & assistant.
Their season is Sept. - Oct. 13th.

We will be having 2 B-teams for basketball this year and are looking for a coach and assistant to coach our 2nd B-team of girls.
Their season is from Nov. - Dec. 16th.

We will also need an assistant for track.
Their season is from April - June 2nd.

If you are able to help these students by donating your knowledge and time please contact Terri Jo Keinath at 871-4581 ext. 4.

Soccer practices:

***Students MUST have a physical to practice starting Aug. 22nd.**

Aug. 22—25 Mon. - Thurs. 10 - 11:30AM
Aug. 29 -Sept. 1 Mon. - Thurs. 10 - 11:30AM
1st game Wed., Sept. 7th at Home

Volleyball practices:

Open Gym Wed., Aug 3rd & 10th
from 4:30 - 6PM

***Students MUST have a physical to practice starting Aug. 15th.**

Aug. 15 -18 Mon. - Thurs. 5:30 - 7:00PM
Aug. 22 -25 Mon. - Thurs. 5:30 - 7:00PM
Aug. 29 -Sept. 1 Mon. - Thurs. 5:30 - 7:00PM
Tues. Sept 6 2:45-5:00PM
1st game Wed., Sept. 7th at Home