



## Praying the Psalms

Pastor Jeremy Schultz

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For Christmas, one of our Fellow Followers here at St. Paul gave me a book entitled, "A Year of Living like Jesus." I found it to be a very quick and interesting read! The author was inspired to immerse himself into Jewish thinking, dress, eating, customs and even worship. His desire, as a Christian man and retired minister, was to come to a better understanding of the *Jewishness* of Jesus, the Messiah and Savior. In order to do this, the author also committed himself to reading the Gospels through once each and every week and, for a time; he also committed himself toward praying the psalms. He would pray five in the morning, five at noon and five at night. After ten days, he would have prayed through all 150 and then begin the cycle all over again. So do you know what? I decided to give it a try. And though I haven't been perfect, I have found the journey to be very spiritually rewarding!

The Book of Psalms has often been called the Prayer Book of the Old Testament, for that is what it is. However, it is also the prayer book of the New Testament. These are the prayers that Jesus Himself most certainly prayed. For example, Jesus prayed Psalm 22 right from the cross. As He hung there dying for your sins and mine, Jesus prayed, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me? (Psalm 22:1). As every Jewish person who ascended the steps of Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Jesus would have prayed a Psalm of Ascent - one for each of the 15 steps (Psalm 120-134).

I have found that since I have been praying the psalms, situations arise every day where one of these passages will come back to me. I'll be thinking about something or talking to someone and all of a sudden, God's Word from the Psalms pops right into my mind. Recently I began

a new Men's Bible class and we began with Psalm 1, "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on His law he meditates day and night."

Praying the Psalms can be a spiritually rewarding experience also for you! May God bless you continually with much encouragement from His Word!

### Special points of interest:

- February 6 Football Bash
- February 8 Defibrillator Training
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 19 Quiz Night
- February 24 Red Wings Game Night Out





## “Christmas in February”

by Vicar Trevor Sutton

It was not all that long ago that we celebrated Christmas. Still, somehow it feels like Christmas came and went about a year ago! I do not know if you feel the same way that I do, but the winter is starting to wear on me. My energy level is at an all-time low; my coffee consumption level is at an all-time high. It is the mid-winter blues in Michigan. Perhaps you feel the same way—it is a little harder to get out of bed these days, it is a little harder to stay awake in the evening, it is a little harder to get really excited about anything when it is four degrees outside and you haven’t seen the sun in three days.

I think that I know the culprit of this ‘Blah’ mentality—there is just too much darkness! The lack of sunlight this time of year begins to wear on you...the constant darkness and cold makes you tired...

unexcited...cranky...whatever. Isaiah 9:14 talks about a people who have been walking in darkness and who have dwelt in a land of deep darkness. If I did not know any better I would think that the Prophet Isaiah was referring to the people of Michigan, the state dwelling in darkness!

Notice what Isaiah says: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.”

Though it is February, the light of that child is still shining! The light of Christ is not something that goes away when we pack up the Christmas decorations. Jesus is still the only name under heaven in which all are redeemed and Jesus is still the savior of all. He is still the savior of you and of me and He is still the great light to a people dwelling in darkness...even to a people dwelling in the darkness of a Michigan winter!

## Membership Ministries

### Stewardship Ministry

When we give our money or service to Christ and His church, we often see it in human terms and think nothing we do makes a difference. In his book “Why Give?” John F. DeVries writes, “What does our tiny little life matter anyway? What good are we doing? We are so small and make so little impact. But God is at work. He is flowing out of us. We may see few results from our efforts. But God is at work, and He will produce a harvest beyond anything we can ever imagine. There is only one way in which God gives: in abundance. God’s giving through each of His children is never partial.”

### Mission for February

LCMS World Relief and Human Care will receive the special offering throughout the month of February. This vital ministry of our church shares Christ’s mercy with people in need all around the world. Most recently, WR-HC

workers have been providing earthquake recovery and relief in Haiti. To date, \$3.6 million contributed by generous donors has helped:

- Purchase heavy equipment for debris removal
- Secure land for homes
- Provide for medical clinics
- Support sanitation and clean water initiatives
- Build new homes
- Ship 62 containers of goods

### Giving Ministry

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving.** Our church offers this program which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. It is convenient and provides donation consistency for your church. To set up, pick up a form in the lobby and fill it out and drop off in the church office. For questions, con-

tact LeeAnne Millinger at 248-584-3128.

### Adult Information

#### Membership Classes

These classes are designed to teach newcomers about the basics of the Christian faith from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. This 10 week course will cover such topics as, "The Bible", "The Ten Commandments", "Holy Baptism", "Holy Communion" and more. While many will take this class toward membership, the most important thing is developing a life-long love and pattern of worshipping Christ. Friends who are already members of another LCMS congregation are to contact their home church and request a "Letter of Transfer" to St. Paul. They are then encouraged (but not required) to take Pastor's Adult Information Class for refreshment through the Word and relationship building. Please call the church office, 248-541-0613 to for further information.



*“Building a Family of Followers”*

# Youth & Children Ministries

## CHILDREN/YOUTH

### PROGRAMS

**High School Youth Bible Study**, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. in the church meeting room with Valerie Winston.

**'Impulse'** - Sr. High and Jr. High youth gather for an evening of fellowship. Jr. High begins at 4:30pm and Sr. High begins at 6:00pm. Join us February 20. Bring \$3 for dinner.

**Sunday School** for children age 3 through 8th grade can be dropped off to enjoy a time of music and learning about God's character, His Word and His contact with His people taught by various teachers. Parents who would like to learn the Bible stories that their children are learning on an adult

level are invited to the adult **"Growing in Christ"** class presented by Brian Dumont. All classes are at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings over at the school.

### EARLY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Cradle Roll** An early step toward a Godly life is our focus for our Cradle Roll program for children from birth to 3 year olds. Parent's are provided with materials and resources on how to provide a God centered home for their families. When they reach 3 years of age they are invited to attend the Sunday School program.



Early steps to a Godly life!


### **Nursery**

Open to children 0-4 years old. Provides safe, loving care during the 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services, and 9:30 am Bible Study. A changing table and chair for nursing are available for mothers of infants and toddlers. Anyone interested in volunteering in the nursery should sign up in the nursery or email Anne Sagan at [annesa-gan@yahoo.com](mailto:annesa-gan@yahoo.com) or call 248-546-5228.

### **Parents and Tots**

Meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the school latchkey room with Becky Mueller for a time of learning and sharing in Jesus' love together as a family.

## Fellowship Ministry

 **Save this Date!!!** February 6, 2011 for the annual Football Bash at St. Paul. The "Big Game" will be shown on the big screen in the church lounge. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Game starts at 6:20 p.m. Sign up and tickets are located at the Welcome Center. We need to know the appropriate amount of food and drinks to order and purchase. Cost is \$10 a person. Contact Chuck Brewer, 586-822-8619 for any questions.

**MARDI GRAS** time is almost here! - the traditional last (costume) party before Lent begins. Karneval, the German version, will take place on Saturday, March 5 at Carpathia Hall in Sterling Heights. Details & sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Questions call Gloria Walter or Martha Smyth 313.893.8170 or [smythfam4@aol.com](mailto:smythfam4@aol.com).

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**, a fundraiser for Care Net Pregnancy Information Center of Berkley. Pick up a baby bottle

in the foyer today, located in the playpen. Take it home and fill it with loose change, cash or a check over the next few weeks. On February 13, you may return your bottles to the church and it will be delivered to the center.

**St Paul Outing to the Detroit Red Wings** at the Joe. Two opportunities, Feb 22 & Feb. 24. Tickets are \$30 (includes admission and food voucher). Funds raised will benefit the St Paul Youth. Please pick up a flyer in the church lobby for further information. Be sure to mention St Paul when placing your order directly with our Wings representative Matthew Boyce (313) 396-7489 (o), or contact our church member Nathan Deckard (561) 445-8066 (c) for more information.



### **Quiz Night**

Know your trivia? Like to team play? Get your thinking caps on it's time for another Quiz Night at St. Paul. Teams are now forming. Start getting your team together!

Quiz night is coming Saturday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. Watch for a sign up board in the lobby. All funds help our youth attend a mission trip to Appalachian Mountains, West Virginia. Contact Jeanne Valdes, 248-435-8095.

**Defibrillator Class**- Training on the defibrillator to help save one's life will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. All Elders, Ushers, Teachers, Aides, or Members of the congregation are invited to learn this procedure.

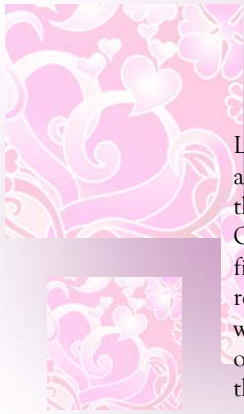
**Young Adults** meets at Vicar Trevor's house on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please talk with Vicar after services or drop in if you are interested in participating.

### **German Interest Group**

To meet on February 7 at 7:30 pm in the church lounge. Come one, come all. A great group of people who like to learn everything German. A recipe, language, craft or history of Germany. A fun night for everyone. All are welcome.

# “What You Focus On You Find”

by Art Steiber, Congregation President



Look around your room right now and look for all the objects that are the color blue. Go ahead, I'll wait... Okay, now look around again and find all the red objects. Did you see red objects that you didn't notice when you were looking for blue objects? If you're like most people the red objects almost magically appeared. They seemed invisible when you were focused on the blue objects. This simple exercise from speaker and author Eli Davidson is a small example of how our brain finds what we focus on. Think about the blue objects as our problems and red as our opportunities. If we spend our time focused on our problems it's very difficult to see the opportunities. But if we look for the red opportunities they often seem to jump out at us.

So what are you focused on? The problems you face at work? The big

screen TV you want but can't really afford? The poor choices you made long ago? Or are you focused on the gifts God has given you? The opportunity to learn, grow and share in the love of Jesus Christ? If we focus on the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ everything else seems to fall into place.

Proverbs 8:34-36 reads:  
Blessed are those who listen to me,  
watching daily at my doors,  
waiting at my doorway.  
For those who **find me find life**  
and receive favor from the LORD.  
But those who **fail to find me harm themselves**;  
all who hate me love death.”

We are blessed to have a wide variety of opportunities here at St. Paul to use our time and talents to serve God, help others and grow in our

faith. Focusing on these opportunities and gifts God has given us will prove more beneficial than focusing on our problems and what we don't have.

We all have the same number of hours in a day and days in a week to spend how we choose. Let's focus on what matters.

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## Other News

### The Library Shelf

Two fiction books have been added to the St. Paul Library. “Angelwalk” is about an angel who questions God's judgment against Lucifer, who comes to earth to see for himself the damage that Lucifer has done. If you enjoyed “Screwtape Letters” you may enjoy this also. The second book is “Solar Flare”. In his latest thriller, Larry Burkett describes the potentially awesome power of a major solar flare and dramatic life chang-

ing effects it could have on our electronic-dependent society. Including the breakdown of travel, communications, and law and order. Changes that not only affect our lives but our faith as well. The library is in the church meeting room, down the hallway. Come check it out!

**S.O.S. Outreach** St. Paul Evangelism Board is sponsoring a collection project for South Oakland Shelter during the month of Feb-

ruary. We hope you can help! We are gathering toiletry items, eg. toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, hand lotion, etc; for the patrons of S.O.S. There is a box located in the coatroom near pastors office. Please drop your items in there. This was a great success back in November and the center truly appreciated this. Thank you.

### Woman of the Year Tickets

Council of Lutheran Women presents the 47th Anniversary Luncheon to honor the Woman of the Year for all their churches. This year's honoree from our church goes to Connie Moulis. The luncheon is Tuesday, March 15 at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township at 11:15 a.m. Special speaker, Katie Stam, Miss America 2009 will share “My Faith, My Journey”. Tickets are \$22 and must be purchased by February 28th. Please contact Colleen Olsen at 248-202-4176 to reserve your spot. Congratulations again Connie!

## Senior Ministries



Gathering together for some afternoon fun!

### 50 Plus

We get together once a month on the 3rd Monday to eat lunch and play some cards. Join us February 21 at 12:00pm in the church lounge. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee & tea provided. Plan to play cards and enjoy some fellowship.

### Bible Class

Join us on Monday, February 21 in the church lounge at 10:00 am. Currently we are studying “Parables” of the Bible with Pastor James Ackerman.

### Sr. Communion Service

Come to worship on February 16 at 11:00 a.m. and stay afterwards for lunch. If you are interested in helping with the luncheon contact the church office. Don't forget to join us for Bible class at 9:30 am before worship in the church lounge.

# School Ministry

## Fundraising Notes:

- **Box Tops For Education** are being collected in the office. These can be redeemed for school materials as well!
- **Market Day:** Flyers available in the church lobby monthly.
- **Help** us with items we already use while recycling at the same time. **Terracycle** will pay us .02 for every **Capri Sun wrapper** we send in. In addition, we joined the Elmer's glue brigade where terracycle will pay us .02 for each **Elmer's glue/glue stick container** we send in. There will be an all collection box in each classroom.
- We are waiting for an opening in the **Papermate** brigade, so lets start collecting **Sharpie, papermate, and Expo pens and markers** and as soon as they open more spaces to collect we will already be ahead of the game.
- **Campbell Labels**  
Thank you to everyone who has donated labels this year. This will certainly enhance our schools ability to provide a quality education which allows us to purchase equipment and such for our school. (Remember this school year, Campbell's now

requires a UPC code and not available as time approaches. (leave the front label). You may leave them in the church/school offices.



## 2011 AUCTION "Fit for Life in Christ! Body, Mind & Soul"

This years auction planning is underway! This spectacular event will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2011** at 5pm at the Royal Oak Elks Lodge (4th St. at I-75). This years **special project** that the auction will benefit is **gymnasium/lunchroom beautification**. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please see full outline on the bulletin board in the church lobby or your monthly Masthead.

There are many ways in which you can help to make this a great event: work on a committee, all committees will have openings for volunteers, and we truly need your help to make this event a success. We will also need many volunteers the day and night of the auction, sign up sheets will be

available as time approaches.

**Donations Needed:** talk to people you know who own businesses, offer services, etc.: your hairstylist, a clothing stores you frequent, a service business, sporting tickets. Do you bake, teach, clean, cook, garden? Why not offer "cookie of the month", flower bed clean up, housecleaning or tutoring services? Donations can be in the form of a gift certificate, or merchandise. Donation receipts can be found on the St. Paul website or in the tower by the office.

Volunteers...All meetings will be Thursdays at 6:30pm. Dates: 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31. Contact Laura Klein for more information 248-629-9633 or if you can't make these meetings.

## Thrivent Choice is here!

Thrivent members should have received a letter last summer telling them the 2010 estimated amount of their Thrivent Choice Dollars. Members eligible for "Choice Dollars" can help direct charitable dollars to St. Paul Lutheran School. Visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) to begin. Or, call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Log in or register. Click on the box Direct Choice Dollars. In the organization name box type St.

Paul Lutheran School and click Direct Now. Then click on Set Up Recurring. When your balance reaches \$10 or more in your account your Choice Dollars will automatically be directed to St. Paul. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Kindergarten Round-Up** will take place on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Kindergarten room. A letter will be sent to all parents of kindergarten aged children of the congregation and those in our current preschool program. If you know of anyone who might be interested in a Christian education for their child, please contact the school office at 248-546-6555.

**St. Paul School Viking-** Every Friday, (or last day of the week if school is not in session on Friday), we print our school newspaper, "The St. Paul Viking". Our "Viking" is posted every week on our website; [www.worshipdowntown.org](http://www.worshipdowntown.org) under the school section. If you would like a Viking emailed to you, please send your email address to [strepanier@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:strepanier@stpaulroyaloak.org) or drop it off at the school office.

# Bible Studies & Classes



## WEEKLY

**Sunday 9:30 am**

'Romans', with Kevin Calhoun, lounge

## **Adult Information Class**

aimed at becoming a member of St. Paul with Pastor Schultz & Vicar Trevor.

'Lutheranism 101', with Pastor Schultz & Vicar Trevor, sanctuary

## **'Growing in**

**Christ'** with Brian Dumont, school music room.

**Sunday School**, ages 3 to 8th grade, with various teachers, school building.

## Monday

**9:30 am-'Jesus, the One and Only'**, Lisa McNeal, lounge

**6:30 am-Wild at Heart**, Men's Study, Pastor Schultz, lounge

## Tuesday 7:00 pm

**Young Adults Bible Study**, with Vicar Trevor, 519 Troy St.

## Wednesday 10:00 am

'Exodus' Bible Study, church lounge, with Pastor Schultz and Vicar Trevor. 3rd Wednesday, Bible class is at 9:30 am.

**Grief Share** at 7:00 pm with Elder Dennis Walker, church meeting room.

## MONTHLY

**3rd Monday of Month 10:00am**  
**"The Parables"** with Pastor James Ackerman, in the church lounge.

**3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast**  
8:30 am with Rich Mahler, church lounge.



# February Birthday's (If we've missed listing your birthday, call the church office)

<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/1 Harper, Mark Heike, Florence	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/8 Bachleda, Emily	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/16 Burke, Melanie Geraci, David Strainovici, Quinn	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/22 DeSandre, Heather Hill, Eric
<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/2 Jackson, Arthur Robbins, Bryce	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/9 Burke, Joshua Sinischo, Sandra	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/17 Burch, Kevin Butala, Jane Eising, Muriel	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/23 Hessler, Kristy Pyykkonen, Louis Schultz, Jane Wilson, Josh
<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/3 Cavicchioli, Jason Dwyer, Matthew	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/11 Guettler, Ronald Mills, Nelson Swartz, Stella	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/18 Baker, Scott Gloomis, Jenny Rice, Logan Robinson, Nancy Sides, Brandon	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/24 McCaffrey, Brian
<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/4 Banules, Anthony Burch, Alivia Drewek, Janice Gifford, Ellen Kirstein, Anna	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/12 Beerer, Brendan Fortner, Betsy Hemming, Kathlyn Parks, Sarah Pomroy, Paige	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/19 Eising, Emma Owens, Sarah Picmann, Margret	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/25 Petri, Alvina Womack, Clyde
<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/5 Lentz, Andrea Thiem, Tanya	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/13 Rasmussen, Katelyn Rasmussen, Mike	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/20 Buerger, Marie Craig, Gavin Garrick, Deborah Grayson-Lewis, Asha	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/26 Cicccone, Elaina Seguin, Coley Strongman, Bryan Tillotson, Michelle
<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/6 Baker, Natalie Hills, Carol	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/14 Brewer, Donna Supnick, Jerry	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/21 Paulsen, Kyle	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/27 Kuhlmann, Margaret
<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/7 Schultz, Jim	<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/15 Paul, Thomas Paulsen, Andrea		<b>Birthdate:</b> 2/28 Arco, Heidi Bosworth, Howard Turner, Raquel

## Gift's to Our Lord...*Memorials & Special Donations*

### St. Paul Church

*In Memory of Ed Frincke*

David Frincke

*In Memory of Dorothea Lacey*

M/M Art Steiber, Sr., M/M Thomas Lacey,  
Sandra Lacey, Virginia Beck, Evelyn Hoemke,  
Shirley Heins, Beverly Brown

### Music Fund

*In Memory of Dorothea Lacey*

M/M Brian Berger

### Lydia Wiedbusch Fund

*In Memory of Dorothea Lacey*

Jeanette Till

### Eternal Light

*In Memory of Ed Gillespie*

Pat Gillespie

### Trustees

*In Memory of Ed Frincke*

David Frincke

### Pay-A-Bill

*In memory of C. Banules*

M/M Jerald Supnick

### Food Pantry

*In honor of our parents, Irv and Barb Beyerlein*

Children of M/M Irv Beyerlein

### Altar Guild

*In memory of Art & Marie Lentner*

M/M Art Lentner & Family

## Prayer's for Our Family and Friends

Eula Boggess (grandmother of Nathan Deckard)  
 Amy Champ (granddaughter of Gerry Breyfogle)  
 Richard Firchau (nephew of Vi Petri)  
 Jeremy Gehrman (nephew of Jack & Rosalie Wendland)  
 Christine Geyer (daughter of the Woodruff's)  
 Josette Grant (friend of Kristine Dowhan)  
 Grant Haley (former student of Al & Ginny Manteuffel)  
 Trevor Harris (brother of Bryan Harris)  
 Shelby Hawke (friend of Will & Clara Lichtenberg)  
 David Herkowitz (friend of Alice Macey)  
 Joan & Harry, (health needs, friends of Cathy & Jim Sommerfeld)  
 Richard Kellogg (Jean Frincke's brother)  
 Patrice Kolbe (friend of Laura Zeile)  
 Arden Licht (friend of Jeanette Till)  
 Holly McKittrick (mother of Cheryl Schultz)  
 Bill Miller (step-father of Tim Woodward)  
 Jim Mumby (friend of the Beardsley's)  
 Charles Muse, Jr. (father of Charles Muse)  
 Jim & Joan Noffert, (health needs, brother & sister-in-law of Cathy Sommerfeld, )  
 Earl Parmalee (father of Sandy Gostiaux)  
 Karl Payk (father of Collette Kehr)  
 Matthew & Kerri Penchuck (cancer, friends of Cathy & Jim Sommerfeld)  
 Elizabeth Phillips (friend of the Manteuffel's)

Ed Poszwa (father-in-law of Melinda Poszwa, relative of Pat Gillespie)  
 Paul Poszwa (son-in-law of Pat Gillespie)  
 Celeste Prudhomme (friend of Joline Bowdich)  
 Karen Raime (cousin of Ross Pomroy)  
 Gloria Rice (friend of Jeanenne Radabaugh)  
 Mike Ridge (brother of Gloria Walter)  
 Kris Ryan (friend of Dave & Nancy Beardsley)  
 Linda Scalzi (remission, sister of Jean Valdes)  
 Rev. David Schneider (Eyla Russ' brother)  
 Lloyd Schultz (father of Jim Schultz)  
 Ebony Sharpley  
 Father of Chris Steiber  
 Robert Stephens (cancer, friend of the Strainovici's)  
 Bob Straub, (kidney dialysis, friend of Jim & Cathy Sommerfeld)  
 Mike Tom (friend of Shirley & Scott Wetzel)  
 Brad Swegles, (cancer diagnosis, friend of Tim Lowe)  
 Vimla Newton (mother of David Newton)  
 Jean Watterson (mother of Lynn Gardner)  
 Daniel Weber (friend of Amie Owens)  
 Judy Weller, (health needs, previous member of St. Paul)  
 Leslie Wharton, (cancer, friend of Eric & Jodi Mueller)

## Prayer's for Our Military Family and Friends

Earle Arnold	Chris Keck
Joshua Armon	Brandon Newton
Eric Banker	Kristine Pate
Kris Berceli	Jeremy Rudd
Paul Bowdich	Scott Rutledge
Gene Bunton	Heidi Selby
Robert Clark	Rockey Sparks
Ben Eberly	Aaron Zeile
Sam Eskew	
Tirzah Eskew	
Jeff Follett	
Pam Harrington	
Ryan Hart	
Thomas Herzberg	
John Hunter	

*Therefore I tell you,  
 whatever you ask in prayer  
 believe that you have received it,  
 and it will be yours.  
 Mark 11:24*

## About Us...

### Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:15 a.m.  
 Sunday, 10:45 a.m.  
 Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sr. Com Service (3rd Wednesday)  
 11:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel (Wednesday's)  
 8:30 a.m.  
*Please call, 248-541-0613 for  
 special holiday services*

### Contact Us

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E-Mail School:  
[info@mylutheranschool.org](mailto:info@mylutheranschool.org)  
 Church Hours 8:30am-4:30pm  
 School Hours 8:00am-4:00pm

### Financial Report 12/24-01/23

General Fund	\$66,008.75
Christmas Services	\$14,609.76
New Years Eve	\$ 2,559.00
Dedicated	\$ 1,026.15
CEF Debt Reduction	\$ 1,781.00

### Attendance Report 12/24-01/23

(Communion) Includes Christmas

Members	2,366	(1,401)
Guests	<u>137</u>	_____
Totals	2,503	(1,401)

### Member Matters

Directory Changes:  
 Chris Costakes, 8330 Martell Ct.,  
 Bloomfield, MI 48304  
 M/M LeAndre Turner, 29625  
 Bermuda Ln, Southfield, MI  
 48076  
 Dennis Brewer, 3412 Dewdrop  
 Ln, Howell, MI 48843



## Member Spotlight

### Mila Jackson

#### Award Given for Woman of the Year from Lutheran Child and Family Services Auxillary

Congratulations! Mila Jackson of St. Paul Lutheran Church...

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan has been providing services for children and families since 1934. They provide shelter, housing, adoption and many other services to help children and families in need. They are Michigan's largest private foster care agency of Michigan.

Mila has been volunteering with this organization for many years now. She is truly a friend of the children there. She has spent many hours working at and through the regional office and helping these children and families where needed.

Mila has provided the Christmas Gift program for several years here at St. Paul, where she passes out the names of children that is in need of Christmas gifts.

She also hosts the Lutheran Child and Family Services Auxillary lunches and meetings that are held at St. Paul throughout the year.

Mila will be honored this year from Lutheran Child and Family Services at the annual Lutheran Woman of the Year banquet to be held March 15 at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Twp.

Next time you see Mila at church, stop and wish her well and perhaps you could talk with her about volunteering at Lutheran Child and Family Services. I'm sure she'll be glad to tell you about the programs offered there.

Many blessings to you Mila!

*"Well done, good and faithful servant". Matthew 25:21*

