

**ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Court & Bond Streets      Saginaw, Michigan

**April 13/14, 2008**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

Prayers for before and after Worship and Holy Communion can be found in "Christian Worship," pages 10-11, 134-139, or 156.

**LITURGIST**

Pastor William Brassow

**PREACHER**

Pastor Carl Otto

**ORGANIST**

Mrs. Patricia Johnson

**SERVICE NOTES**

**Order of Service**

**Hymns**

**Psalm**

**Anthem**

**8:00 a.m.**

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Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

**10:30 a.m./6:30 p.m.**

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**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Last Week: 620

Last Year: 999 (Easter Sunday)

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated this week in the 10:30 a.m. (CC) and 6:30 p.m. (IC) services, and next Sunday in the 8:00 a.m. (IC) service. Members, please register by card; visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before planning to participate.

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**SERMON TEXT: 1 Peter 2:24-25**

**THEME: THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S WAY IS FOR US**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** The altar flowers are given with thanksgiving to God for the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dorothy Houlihan on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and in loving memory of Donald Pussehl, Sr. for the anniversary of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMORIAL** \$100 for St. Paul's Ministry in loving memory of Ross Hall (March birthday) and Alyce Parker (April birthday.)

**HOSPITALIZED** Covenant/Michigan: Rosemary Kingry; Covenant/Cooper: Lela Iles.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING** The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Gentlemen, plan to attend this important meeting.

**COOKBOOK** The Ladies of the MOMS Group have put together a cookbook. You can view the cookbook in the church basement. If you would like a copy, a donation of \$5.00 is asked to help support MOMS activities and to defray the printing costs. Please fill out an order form and deposit the \$5.00 with the form in the box.

**MLS BAND CONCERT** The 55 member MLS Band will present their spring concert this evening at 7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to support the band program at Seminary. Following the band concert in the gym the MLS swing choir, *Hardin Street Harmony*, will perform some of their songs and routines in the chapel/auditorium.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is **no cost** to you or the church to have your photograph taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. One stop is all that is required. After each service through mid-May, we will begin the sign-up process for photography and portrait viewing session. Please note that the photography session will take place in June.

**HELPERS NEEDED** Pat and Carol McKee are coordinating the volunteers for the pictorial directory. Please contact the McKees by phone (790-8272) or by email ([mckkeepat@aol.com](mailto:mckkeepat@aol.com)) if you are interested and able to help in any of the following ways: photography appointment sign-ups, telephoning members, communication, layout and design, serving as a greeter. Thank you!

**PTG** Monday is the last meeting of the Parent Teacher Group for this school year. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meeting will include elections for next year's vice president and secretary. There will be a follow-up of the Winter Picnic and discussions of some spring and summer projects around school that parents could help complete.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Spring cleaning at church is this Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Callers from WSC are picking up where we left off last year, starting the calls to families whose last name begins with "R". With the phone call will come a request that you and your family members (male and female, confirmation age on up) would volunteer a few hours of your time that day to help with the cleaning. All you need to bring is a bucket, if you have one.

**LWMS RALLY** The Spring LWMS Rally will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Midland on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Paul Kuske will present "Serving in Bulgaria." Registration starts at 2:30 p.m.; the meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. An information flier with directions to the church can be picked up at the Card Shop in the church basement.

**ST. PAUL'S NIGHT OUT** Please join the Evangelism Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center for a "night out." We will go to a local neighborhood to reintroduce ourselves to those around us, and return to the Parish Center for snacks, coffee, etc. at 7:30 p.m. No experience is necessary, and everyone is invited. For more information, contact John Boggs (799-6977.)

**FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT** MLS is having a Friends & Family Night on April 25<sup>th</sup> with great food and fellowship. For \$10 (\$5 for children 12 and under) you can enjoy many fine Italian dishes. Beverages, side dishes and dessert are included. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:15 p.m., followed by a showcase musical event in the chapel at 6:30. You will enjoy hearing music by our students and one of our tutors. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the MLS Adopt-a-Student program. Hope to see you there!

**ARBOR DAY** The Trustees have scheduled an Arbor Day for church and school on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, for trimming, general clean up, and various needed repairs. A sign-up sheet is on the coffee table in the basement. We will meet at school to gather equipment and get assignments. Come and join us this year and enjoy a good workout and great Christian fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Trustee George Barrett (754-9616.)

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET** Women Serving Christ is having a Mother/Daughter Banquet at the Parish Center on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12:30 p.m. All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend and bring guests – grandmothers, sisters, aunts, daughters! Please sign up in the church basement or the school office so we have an idea how many to expect. A freewill offering will be gathered for expenses.

**OUR THANK-OFFERINGS**

	<b>ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY</b>	<b>SYNOD MINISTRY</b>	<b>PIF</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Offering 4/6/08</b>			
<b>Budget YTD Offerings YTD</b>			
<b>% YTD Budget</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>92%</b>

**On the calendar ...**

<i>Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup></i>	9:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School/ Bible Class Quarterly Voters' Meeting MLS Band Concert
<i>Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup></i>	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mommy & Me at church Worship Service (IC) Parent/Teacher Group meeting
<i>Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup></i>	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Class Bible Class
<i>Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup></i>	8:05 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting Cornerstone Information Due! Adult Choir practice at school Bible Information Class
<i>Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup></i>	8 a.m. - Noon	Spring Cleaning at church Girls' Soccer at VLHS

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 13/14, 2008**

**FIRST LESSON**

**ACTS 6:1-9; 7:2a and 51-60**

[1] In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. [2] So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. [3] Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them [4] and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." [5] This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. [6] They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. [7] So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. [8] Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and

power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. [9] Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)--Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen, ... [2] To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! ... [51] "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! [52] Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him-- [53] you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it." [54] When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. [55] But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. [56] "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." [57] At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, [58] dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. [59] While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." [60] Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

**EPISTLE LESSON/SERMON TEXT**

**1 PETER 2:19-25**

[19] For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. [20] But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. [21] To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. [22] "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." [23] When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. [24] *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 10:1-10**

[1] "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. [2] The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. [3] The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. [5] But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. [7] Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.