



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 17, 2019**

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6100 Westside Saginaw Road  
Bay City, MI 48706  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes & Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN THIS MORNING!**

Visitors and guests, please sign the friendship pad (which is at the end of the row), and include your address and phone number.

Please take note of the communion information and guidelines on the inside upper panel of the friendship pad. If you are unable to come to the front for communion and desire to be communed, please sit on the end of the pew and notify the elder. Those receiving the individual cups are asked to please hold onto their cup until the elder passes by with the common cup so none will be missed.

Care cards, located in the pew rack ahead of you, can be used for prayer requests. Please hand the card to an usher or place it into the basket when the offering is received.

<b><u>LITURGY</u></b>	8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 1	10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 1 with Communion
<b><u>HYMNS</u></b>	8:00 a.m. - 394, 932, 729	10:30 a.m. - 394, 932, 631, 629, 729
<b><u>ANTHEM</u></b>	10:30 a.m. - Church Choir (during communion) - "Come Unto Me" - Alisa Bair	
<b><u>READERS</u></b>	8:00 a.m. - Ken Van Cise	10:30 a.m. - David Schultz
<b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b>	8:00 a.m. - Deanna Zeilinger	10:30 a.m. - Hogan Bourdow
<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>	8:00 a.m. - Tom & Nancy Hoerauf, Lura Gehrman, Rita Tilley	10:30 a.m. - Marie Hendrick, Jean Begick, Jack & Kathy Lustila
<b><u>USHERS</u></b>	8:00 a.m. - Group 2 – Randy Appold, Weston Appold, Greg Behmlander, Matt Appold, Daryl Appold, Rylan Appold	10:30 a.m. - Group 5 – Bob Campbell, Terry Burkhard, Richard Doan, Wayne Stieve

## **PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING**

### **HOMEBOUND**

Dorine Auernhammer	Dorothy David	Margaret Meyer
Dolores Appold	Erv Hoerauf	Julie Roark
Gwen Bakus	Jon Ittner	Rose Anne Schmidt
Ruth Behmlander	Lorna Ittner	Al Vogtmann
Armond Beiser	Mike & Karen Kusch	Tim Wegener
	Irma McKenzie	

### **SPECIAL**

Norah Grace Schlicker (thanksgiving for Matt & Kayla's baby born 2/11/19)  
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)  
Mike Ruegsegger (Denise's father-in-law)

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS**

Bruce, Anne, & Grace Appold	Jeffrey, Samantha, Jacey, Sophia, & Karen Jones
Cary Behmlander	Scott, Megan, Blake, & Bailee
Robert Campbell	Linda Pacholka
Austin & Sarah Gatza	Carl, Ruth, Malinda, & Carl Schmidt
	Scott, Ann, Michael, & Matthew Weiss

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

**SUNDAY**      2/17      8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

**TUESDAY**      2/19      7-8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Church Choir  
7:00 p.m. Men's Club

**THURSDAY**      2/21      6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle

**NEXT SUNDAY**      2/24      8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

## **NOTES AND NEWS**

<b><u>DAILY BIBLE READINGS</u></b>	Feb. 17 – Acts 12	Feb. 18 – Acts 13
Feb. 19 – Acts 14	Feb. 20 – Ps. 19-20	Feb. 21 – Acts 15
Feb. 22 – Acts 16	Feb. 23 – Proverbs 5	

**ATTENDANCE** Last Sunday – 321 (186, 135)

**RE-RESCHEDULED (AGAIN): PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Let's try again! Our Pancake Breakfast is now scheduled for Tuesday, February 19. All congregation members are invited as a thank you for supporting our school. Join us between 7-8 a.m. in the school auditorium for pancakes, sausage, bacon, & juice. Pray for favorable weather!

**FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK** Come to the First Sunday Fellowship Potluck on March 3 at noon in the gym. Hang around afterward for family games and lots of fun! Stay tuned for more details.

**WELLSPRING AUXILIARY MEETING** The next Wellspring Lutheran Services meeting will be on Monday, February 18, at Zion Lutheran, Bay City, in the Church Ministry Room. Refreshments served at 7 p.m.; devotions and meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. Our program will be a Bottle Auction Fundraiser - Bring a gift between \$5-10 in a container such as a Mason jar and wrap. This could be a bottle of wine or oil, or a towel, candy, ornament, etc. Use your imagination! All ladies of the church are invited to the Bottle Auction Fundraiser. It is such fun for a great cause!

**LWML FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** Time to mark your calendar as the days fly by – Feb 21st, Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul auditorium. Our meeting will include a Bible Study from the LWML Quarterly. Remember to bring your Mite Box.

**LWML PRAYER BRUNCH** with Communion Service sponsored by the LWML Bay Area Zone, with more than 75 years of yearly Saturday breakfasts with sisters in Christ, this year's theme is "Secure in Jesus, My Rock and Fortress."

**When:** Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-Registration

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Pinconning

\$5.00 donation for breakfast, and a Mite Offering will be received.

RSVP to Dorothy Kridler = 989-879-2126 OR Dorothy Helmreich = 989-213-1515 by February 18, 2019

**SAVE THE DATE!** March 17th at 2 pm St. Paul will participate in Bay City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. St. Paul families are encouraged to join the fun. Limit of 25 children riding on the float. Older children may walk with their parent. Contact Kristen Glasser at 989-529-2962 or Kristen Kolberg at 989-906-9031 to participate. A waiver must be signed prior to the event. Stay tuned for more details.

**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH -EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AT ZION BEAVER** Cash Prizes! Sunday, February 24th, hosted by the Zion-Beaver and St. Paul-Frankenlust High School Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lite lunch at 1 p.m., card play at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person and an RSVP is appreciated for planning

purposes; text or phone Krista Klein, 989. 860.1823. Free-will donation babysitting is available, RSVP required; text or phone Dayna Pomaville 989.450.4301

**DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31** We are pleased to announce that St. Paul received over \$2675 in 2018 from Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated 2018 Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to provide grant funding to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

**A HIVE FOR WORKERS** God's house is abuzz with workers! One way to become a worker in God's house and have a part in building His Church is by investing in Church Extension Fund. Consider making an investment today. For more information, see the CEF literature rack in the narthex or call 800-242-3944. (This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offer is made solely by CEF's Offering Circular.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY**  
Congratulations to the following students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for the month of January: Charles Begick, Maggie Behmlander, Mason Daniel, Caroline Douponce, Noah Helmreich, Isaac Hendrick, Brynlee Kolberg, Landon LaForest, Natalie List, Abigail Matyas, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Alex Schlicker, Cadence Swartz, Hayden Swartz, Ainsley Wiess, Owen Wiess, Deanna Zeilinger, Maura Zeilinger

**STEWARDSHIP** Luke 6:20-21 - "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied." The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness. If you are poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us peace and courage to follow the Lord faithfully.  
STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

**THANK YOU** We at Saginaw County Right to Life extend our sincere thanks for your participation in our recent Lifesaver Drive. \$169.42 was collected. We would be unable to continue our work in the community to promote the preservation of the precious gift of life were it not for your generosity and support.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** is looking for a head JV baseball coach and head golf coach for the spring athletic season. If you are interested and would like to discuss one of the positions further, please contact Eric Smith by phone (790-1676) or email: [esmith@vlhs.com](mailto:esmith@vlhs.com). The season runs from March 11 through the first week of June. Thank you for your consideration.

**VIDEO JOURNALIST / DIGITAL MEDIA DIRECTOR** The Michigan District of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod is seeking applicants for a full-time (part-time negotiable) Video Journalist / Digital Media Director. The position's role is to envision, produce, and maintain digital media--especially video--telling the story of impactful mission and ministry in order to encourage and empower further ministry in the District and beyond. The ideal candidate would be proficient in Adobe Creative Suite, video editing software, and WordPress. The candidate should be detailed, able to multi-task, a self-starter, have excellent communication skills, and work well in team settings. A full job description can be found at [michigandistrict.org/business](http://michigandistrict.org/business). Please mail cover letter, resume, samples of video work (DVD, USB flash drive, or web link) and salary expectations to: Chad Woltemath; Michigan District, LCMS; 3773 Geddes Rd; Ann Arbor, MI 48105 no later than March 1, 2019.

### **AREA EVENTS**

**Sun., February 17, Valentine's Chicken BBQ – St. John, Amelith** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (1664 Amelith Rd.) Famous Amelith BBQ chicken dinners, cooked to perfection by the St. John Amelith Athletic Club, with baked potato, veggies, bread, dessert and beverage will be \$10 for ½ chicken and \$8 for ¼ chicken. Take-outs available at 10:30 a.m. LWML is also hosting a bake sale. For questions, please contact Tony Johnson at 684-3037.

**Sat., February 23, VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction – Apple Mountain Conference Center** Valley Lutheran High School invites you to go back to the Fabulous Fifties at the 16th annual VLHS Auction and Benefit Dinner. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and purpose! Tickets and more information at [www.vlhsauction.com](http://www.vlhsauction.com). We hope you'll join us!

**Sun., February 24, Benefit for Allie Keenan – St. John, Amelith** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (1664 Amelith Rd.) Melting Medical Bills is a fundraising event to support Allie Keenan and her family with rising medical costs. A soup and sandwich bar will be offered along with a Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and Small-Item Ticket Auction. Please contact Mary Smith at [msmith@amelith.org](mailto:msmith@amelith.org) or Sandy Soule at [ssoule73@yahoo.com](mailto:ssoule73@yahoo.com) for questions or to offer help.

**Sun., February 24, Corpus Christi Mission Trip Chicken Dinner and**

**Auction – Grace, Auburn** 11:45 a.m. (303 Ruth St.) Dinner will be served 11:45-12:45 with live auction starting at 1 p.m. Dinner includes grilled chicken, choice of 2 sides (baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese), roll, beverage, and dessert. You may purchase 1/4 chicken meal for \$8 or 1/2 chicken meal for \$10. Silent auction will also begin at 11:45 and will close at 1:15. At 1 the fun begins with the live auction done by Ernie Weiss. Reserve your ticket by Wednesday, February 20, by calling Paula Wegener (989-860-0259). Proceeds will support a mission trip to Corpus Christi to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey.

**Sun., March 3, Annual Church and Community MOST Mission Auction –**

**Immanuel, Frankentrost** 11:30 a.m. (8220 E. Holland Rd.) Come join the fun and fellowship in support of our team going to South Africa for Eyeglass Clinics from August 16-27, 2019. Lots of unique items to bid on both live and silent. Silent auction starts at 11:30 with the Live auction starting at 1:00 with our lively auctioneer Gerry Hecht. Free-will lunch will be available from 11:30 through the afternoon.

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 17:5–8 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 15:12–20 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 6:17–26 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.