



7th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

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6100 Westside Saginaw Road
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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.

<u>LITURGY</u>	8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 1 with Communion	10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 1
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 834, 843, 562, 594, 596, 660	10:30 a.m. - 834, 843, 660
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Ben Helmreich	10:30 a.m. - Howard McMullen
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Hayden Swartz	10:30 a.m. - Emily EauClaire
<u>GREETERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Angela Buda, David & Stacey Hildebrant	10:30 a.m. - Vaughn & Margie Begick, Janet & Paulette Beckers
<u>USHERS</u>	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

RECORDS

Blue Harlan Friske child of Robert & Jill (Gibbon) Friske, born January 8, 2019, will be baptized during the 8:00 a.m. service on February 24. Sponsors Joy Govitz and John Paul Friske.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

HOMEBOUND

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

SPECIAL

Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Mike Ruegsegger (Denise's father-in-law)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Craig Appold	Justin, Ann, Ivy, & Vincent Jones
Charlie & Sandy Behmlander	Jack & Kathy Lustila
Nancy & Courtney Chartier	Scott Parrent
Jeremy, Laura, & Annabelle Gehrman	Wayne & Andrea Schmidt

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>2/24</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>2/26</u>	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. Men's Club
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>2/28</u>	6:30 p.m. Visual Faith Fourth Thursday
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	<u>3/3</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion 12:00 p.m. Potluck

NOTES AND NEWS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Feb. 24 – Acts 17	Feb. 25 – Acts 18
Feb. 26 – Acts 19	Feb. 27 – Acts 20
Mar. 1 – Acts 21	Feb. 28 – Ps. 21-22
	Mar. 2 – Acts 22

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 351 (188, 163)

FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP Come to the First Sunday Fellowship Potluck on March 3 at noon in the gym. Afterward, we will be breaking out the board games! Plan on staying around and having some fun and fellowship with your church family. If you have a special game you would like to play and would be willing to show others how to play, text or call Heidi 450-0975. Otherwise, just come and have some fun!

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.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY Join us Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. at Big Boy (Euclid Ave.) to study *The Practice of Godliness* by Jerry Bridges. Materials will be provided.

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

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE Offering envelopes for Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services are available in the narthex. They are intended to be used by those contributors who opted out of having a box of envelopes in 2019. If you would like to use this for your midweek offering, please pick one up. The counters will appreciate it if you write your contribution number on the envelope. Thank you!

SHOWER INVITATION Ladies, you will find an invitation in your mailboxes. The Ladies Aid is hosting its annual shower on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 PM and all ladies of the congregation are invited. The organization we will help this year is called River Jordan and they help support young adults transition from foster care into society. They are renovating the old Luther Children's Home and their website is <https://www.riverjordaninc.org/rj-dorms> if you'd like to see more about who they are and what they are doing. We will also have our monthly meeting and have some Bible Trivia fun. Please join us!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS You are invited to pick up a Lenten devotion booklet, entitled "People of the Passion," in the back of church for your daily study of Scripture. Regular and large-print copies are available for you to begin reading Wednesday, March 6. Thank you to Lutheran Hour Ministries for making this resource available for us to share.

LENTEN SEASON Lent begins Wednesday, March 6. We will have Wednesday midweek services during Lent at 3:15 and 6:30 p.m. Supper will also be served on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at school. All are welcome! A free-will donation will be taken at each supper to support the different groups hosting. April 3 is still available for a group of volunteers to host. Please let the office know if you're interested in serving a meal on that Wednesday. Below is the schedule:

- March 6 – Men's Club
- March 13 – VBS/Youth Board
- March 20 – 7&8 Grade
- March 27 – Poland Mission
- April 3 – OPEN
- April 10 – Alaska Mission

THANK YOU! Thank you to Pastor Matyas for his prayers and hospital visit. Thank you also to the St. Paul church family for their cards and prayers as I recover from hip surgery. - Vern Engelhardt

MANY THANKS Praise and thanks to our loving God for continued healing of my leg and hip. Thanks to all for prayers and cards. - Margie Begick

EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 13, 10:30 AM - 12 NOON Plans are underway for the St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help! Donations are needed for the following items:

- Candy (to fill plastic eggs)
- Prizes (stuffed animals, small toys, coloring books, etc.)
- Baked Goods & Treats (needed for event day)
- Monetary donations (needed for craft & game supplies)

Please drop off candy, prize and monetary donations at the office. If you have questions or are able to volunteer your time for the event, please contact Vicki Begick (525-3733) or Lynn Hendrick (450-1969).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS Mobile Meals of Bay County, a non-profit, volunteer-based home meals delivery service, is recruiting volunteers. The program provides hot and cold meals for the elderly, home-bound or people with special dietary needs throughout Bay County. The meals are prepared by the McLaren Dietary Department and volunteers are generally assigned one day a month working in pairs to deliver meals. The process takes about one and a half hours. For information, call Nancy Quinn (989-684-386).

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 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.)

STEWARDSHIP Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Biblical Stewardship is one of the primary ways God call us to live our life. It's a theme in the bible you can trace from Genesis to Revelation. It's a calling rooted in creation, highlighted throughout the Bible and influences the way you live your life for the glory of God.
STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

VALLEY LUTHERAN ENROLLMENT If you haven't already, now is a great time to enroll for fall 2019 at Valley Lutheran High School. Please contact the school office 989-790-1676 or visit the website to get the registration form www.vlhs.com and apply for financial aid. Class scheduling has started! To plan a visit, a shadow experience, or for more information contact Student Recruiter, Sondra Yantz syantz@vlhs.com

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN February 8 was an historic day for Orphan Grain Train—Michigan. Through bounty from God's people, the first distribution was made of relief supplies sent to H.A.R.P. (Helping Appalachian Rural Peoples), an organization which meets basic needs when family lives are interrupted and adversely impacted. The hope and expectation is that this allocation of relief supplies will only be the first of many to follow in the coming years. Orphan Grain Train is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The Michigan branch has already been receiving donated goods and will soon launch regular operations. Learn more at ogt.org.



LUTHERANISM 101

**CLASSES FOR NEW
MEMBERS & ANYONE
INTERESTED**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
LED BY PASTOR MATYAS**

4 PM - 5 PM

MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31, APRIL 7

AREA EVENTS

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 or Sandy Soule at ssoule73@yahoo.com for questions or to offer help.

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

Genesis 45:3–15 (ESV)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42 (ESV)

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰ Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38 (ESV)

²⁷ [Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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