



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

4th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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.

LITURGY 8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 1 with Communion
 10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 1

HYMNS 8:00 a.m. - 671, 740, 711, 709, 735, 676
 10:30 a.m. - 671, 740, 676

ALTAR FLOWERS Given by Floyd & Julia Appold in honor of all mothers

ANTHEM 8:00 a.m. - 5-8 Grade Youth Choir "Psalm 84"
 10:30 a.m. - Ladies Choir "He Leadeth Me"

READERS 8:00 a.m. - Jack Lustila 10:30 a.m. - Sam Britton

ACOLYTES 8:00 a.m. - Vanessa Burkhard 10:30 a.m. - Brooklynn Garrett

GREETERS 8:00 a.m. - Dale & Lynn Jezowski, Art & Jamie Zeilinger
 10:30 a.m. - Ron & Ardie Reuther, Bill & Bonnie List

USHERS 8:00 a.m. - Group 2 – Randy Appold, Greg Behmlander, Weston Appold, Daryl Appold, Matt Appold, Rylan Appold
 10:30 a.m. - Group 5 – Bob Campbell, Terry Burkhard, Rich Doan, Wayne Stieve

RECORDS

Hezekiah Rowland Benkert child of Zachary & Vanessa (Perez) Benkert, born April 29, 2019, will be baptized during today's 8:00 a.m. service. Sponsors are Ben Burnison and Josh Benkert.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

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

SPECIAL

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)	Marie Thomas (Mary Schultz's grandma)
Tom Harmon (Howard's brother)	
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)	Al Wegener (hospitalized)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)	Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)
Dodd (brother of Donna Smigiel)	

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Kirk, Barb, Austin, & Kasey Appold	Ashley Kloha & Grant Fry
Kristina Behmlander-Mohror & Nathan Mohror	Daniel Matthes
David & Judy Dawson	Mark, Kristin, Flynn, & Taylor Ramseyer
Sean, Cortney, Arabelle, & Avaya Gillespie	William & Linda Snelenberger
	Craig, Taylor, & Nicholas Wozniak

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>5/12</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion - 5-8 th Grade Youth Choir Sings
		9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>5/14</u>	7:00 p.m. Church Choir
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>5/15</u>	8:45 a.m. Loons Volunteer Day (see bulletin note)
		4-8 p.m. Panda Express Fundraiser (bring flyer)
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>5/16</u>	6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>5/18</u>	2-6 p.m. Benefit for Armand's Hope

NEXT SUNDAY 5/19 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
12:00 p.m. Special Voters Meeting
2:00 p.m. Spring Tea

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 360 (190, 170)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS May 12 – 1 Thess. 4 May 13 – 1 Thess. 5
May 14 – Psalms 44-45 May 15 – Proverbs 11 May 16 – 2 Thess. 1
May 17 – 2 Thess. 2 May 18 – 2 Thess. 3

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING Please plan to attend this meeting on Sunday, May 19 at 12 p.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the CEF housing loan policy for called church workers. Printed copies of the policy are available in the narthex for you to preview.

PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER Come eat at Panda Express on Wilder Road in Bay City on Wednesday, May 15 from 4-8 p.m. 20% of event sales will be donated to St. Paul. Please bring the bulletin insert or show the digital version of the flyer.

VLHS ASSOCIATION MEETING The Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 15 beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school's Resource Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION: MAY 19 We've been having a great Sunday School year and it's hard to believe that it's almost over. Our final Sunday School for this school year is May 19. Join us in the gym for activities, crafts, and treats! Thank you to the kids and their parents who have taken part in the Sunday School program this year.

WELLSPRING AUXILIARY MEETING Next meeting is Monday, May 20 at St. John, Amelith. Refreshments are at 7 p.m. with devotions and business meeting at 7:15 p.m. Mike Redford from Wellspring Lutheran Services will be our speaker. All ladies of the church are invited to attend the meeting and hear our speaker and learn more about Wellspring Lutheran Services.

BLOOD DRIVE St. Paul is hosting a blood drive in the school auditorium on Thursday, May 23 from 2-7 p.m. If you'd like to make an appointment to donate blood, Darlene Zeilinger and Julia Appold will be available in the narthex before church today and next Sunday.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM Please help us finish the school year strong! We are still in need of cash donations and gift cards to end this year in the positive. Also, as this school year is winding down, we are setting our

eyes on next year and beginning to plan for our Adopt-a-Salad Bar! If you are interested in supporting a week in the 2019-2020 school year, please contact the school office at 684-4450. For more information on this program, pick up a brochure in the back of church.

JOIN THE JOURNEY If you need a new pledge card, or know of someone you would like to encourage to join the Ministry Center journey, there are extra pledge cards in the church narthex. Please take as many as you need.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ALASKA MISSION The Alaska mission trip began in 2005 when St Paul took a group to Funny River to do VBS ministry in a very small Lutheran church in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. A few years after that Heidi Schultz took a team to Cooper Landing to do the same type of ministry. 11 years later the Schultz family are continuing to minister to that community. Many wonderful relationships have been developed which has opened the door to ministry that goes way beyond VBS. The support and prayers of this congregation have been invaluable to this ministry. If you would like to donate to this ministry, you may send your tax deductible gift to: Ladonna Herbert c/o Cooper Landing Community Church, P.O. Box 518, Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572.

A SMALL THING IN A BIG WAY Someone once said, "If you think you are too small to do a big thing, try doing a small thing in a big way." Even a small investment in Church Extension Fund can be part of a big and important project. Invest today! Application forms are available in the CEF stand in church narthex or online at: www.mi-cef.org or call toll free **800-242-3944**.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT LLL MEN'S RETREAT The 74th Annual Lutheran Laymen's League Retreat at Camp Arcadia will be held on Thursday, September 5-8. Pastor Maytas will be serving as one of the retreat chaplains, and the featured speaker is Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour broadcasts and currently Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C. Brochures with more information are available in the narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Woo Hoo!! Mark your calendars for VBS 2019! We are running 2 sessions again to allow families to choose which fits best into their busy lives. The evening session runs Sunday, July 21 - Thursday, July 25, 5:30-8:15 p.m. The morning session runs Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26, 9:15 a.m.-Noon. There will be a light meal served prior to both sessions. Mark your calendars and get ready for an awesome time!

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS We are looking for a couple Thrivent Action Team Grants that congregation members may be willing to donate to VBS to help offset costs. Please contact Tiffany List at 225-8516 or Tammy Eickmeyer at 714-8611 if you would be willing to help

us out! Thank you!!

EGG ROLLS ARE COMING! Please see bulletin insert to order.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY St. Paul has been invited to volunteer again this year at the Great Lakes Loons games:

- Wednesday, May 15, 8:45 a.m. arrival time (3 or more needed)
- Wednesday, August 21, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (15 needed)
- Thursday, August 22, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (15 more needed)

Dress code: We can wear St. Paul shirts or white shirts in good condition (no holes or stains). Black/khaki pants or long shorts and socks with closed-toe shoes (no jeans and no sandals). Everyone will need to wear a hat with the Loons' new logo (available when you volunteer). Please call or text Lisa Stanley (989-751-5209) with any questions or to reserve your volunteer spot. Thank you to all those who worked on May 2!

SPRING TEA The women of St. Paul are warmly invited to a Spring Tea on Sunday, May 19, from 2-3 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to benefit the Ministry Center. Deadline to get tickets is Monday, May 13.

- To purchase tickets, please contact Valerie Matyas (valmatyas@gmail.com; 248-227-3491).
- To volunteer to hostess a table, please contact Judy Spielhaupter (gjspiel@gmail.com; 989-860-0865).
- To donate a dessert, please contact Rosalinn Hardy (swim88@sbcglobal.net; 989-450-2377).

Volunteers who hostess or bring a dessert will receive a complimentary ticket.

LADIES AID BUS TRIP St. Paul Ladies Aid is sponsoring a bus trip to Traverse City on June 8, 2019. We are going to make stops at the Iris Farm, Traverse City for lunch and shopping on your own, and the GT Butterfly and Bug Zoo. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. from the St. Paul Church parking lot and will return around 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person and will include bus fare, tip, and admission fees. Money needs to be in by June 1st. To make your reservations please call Dorothy Martin at 989-894-4108 or Melissa Appold at 989-225-6902.

STEWARDSHIP Respond gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN CALLS FOR GOODS Orphan Grain Train—Michigan located in Sebawaing is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - noon to welcome volunteers and receive donated goods. The Center can also be made open any time by request to

Branch Manager, Pastor Dave Reed (989-600-2264). Since it is now under regular operations the OGT-Michigan Branch also extends a general call for donated goods. We sort clothing and medical equipment year-round. Clothes of all kinds (infant, children's, women's and men's) clean and wearable, socks (good used or new); also quilts, blankets, and a wide array of miscellaneous donated humanitarian supplies and medical equipment are prepared for eventual shipment around the world or to those in need in our country. Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with 27 branches throughout the United States.

AREA EVENTS

Sat., May 18, All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Armand

Hayes 2-6 p.m. (St. Paul Lutheran School Gym) Armand, great-grandson of Sonia Scheurs, suffers from GM1 Gangliosidosis - a rare and fatal disorder, which causes muscle degeneration. Vendor tables, bake sale, and a silent auction will be part of this event. Anyone wishing to donate would be appreciated. Cost for the dinner: Adult meals are \$8; children's meals (age 10 and under) are \$4; take-outs are \$8. Please email lsutton74@gmail.com or 55sutton58@gmail.com for information or to donate.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17–35 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce

wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9–17 (ESV)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22–30 (ESV)

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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