



# St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 19, 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

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

### **HYMNS**

8:00 a.m. - 515, 706, 733

10:30 a.m. - 515, 706, 722, 644, 633, 733

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given by Dale & Lynn Jezowski in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 21

### **ANTHEM**

8:00 & Church Choir: "I Am Making All Things New" by David  
10:30 a.m. - von Kampen, based on Revelation 21:4-5

### **READERS**

8:00 a.m. - Larry Bourassa

10:30 a.m. - Brian Appold

### **ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. - Hayden Swartz

10:30 a.m. - Rachel Mammel

### **GREETERS**

8:00 a.m. - Tom & Nancy Hoerauf, Lura Gehrman, Rita Tilley

10:30 a.m. - Marie Hendrick, Jean Begick, Jack & Kathy Lustila

### **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

## PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

### HOMEBOUND

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)	Al Wegener (hospitalized)
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)	Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)	
Dodd (brother of Donna Smigiel)	
Sonia Scheurs (hospitalized)	

### THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Marilyn Appold	Thomas Kloha
Armond Beiser	David Matthes
John Delgado	Bentley Raquepaw
Susan Gillespie, Michael, Evan, & Mikayla Ulbricht	Daniel, Kimberly, Tyler, & Andrew Snover
	Franklin & Carol Wozniak

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>5/19</u>	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
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>5/21</u>	5:00 p.m. Men's Club Cookout
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>5/22</u>	6:30 p.m. Preschool Graduation in gym
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>5/23</u>	2-7 p.m. Blood Drive in auditorium
		6:30 p.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays Visual Faith in gym
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>5/24</u>	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - School
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	<u>5/26</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class
		10:30 a.m. Worship

## NOTES AND NEWS

**ATTENDANCE** Last Sunday – 417 (260, 157)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**      May 19 – Ps. 46-47                      May 20 – Phil.  
May 21 – Phil. 2                      May 22 – Phil. 3                      May 23 – Phil. 3  
May 24 – Phil. 4                      May 25 – Ps. 48-49

**SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION: TODAY** 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 school classrooms for activities, crafts, and treats! Thank you to the kids and their parents who have taken part in the Sunday School program this year.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** Please plan to attend the meeting today 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.

**SPRING TEA** 74 guests, 10 hostesses, over a dozen desserts, a wide range of tea, the committee looks forward to seeing you this afternoon at 2 p.m.!

**4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS VISUAL FAITH: ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE** "Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14 This Mighty God, with power over land, sea, and sky, guards and strengthens His children. Our trust is in Him! Respond to God's power and love as you learn to draw and paint sea and sky. We will learn foundational art techniques and complete a guided acrylic painting on canvas! Bring along your Bible a notebook, and a friend! 4th Thursdays meets next on 5/23 from 6:30-8:30 in the school gym. Call or text Katie with any questions: 989-225-3532

**AVON FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PAUL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM** Help support St. Paul Hot Lunch Program by purchasing your everyday products through Avon. The school will earn 25% of your total purchases now through June 1, 2019. The Skin So Soft Bug Guard, America's #1 deet-free repellent is currently available and on sale. Summer is approaching, and everyone will need bug repellent on Memorial Day weekend, so stock up now! Place your order at <http://www.youravon.com/tjaskiewicz>. Please include (ST. PAUL) in parentheses after your first name so your order counts toward this fundraiser. If you are having difficulty registering on the site or have any questions, please call or text me at 989-385-0898. Thank you on behalf of St. Paul Lutheran School! - Tammy Jaskiewicz, Independent Avon Representative (989-385-0898)

**ASCENSION DAY** Please join us Thursday, May 30, for Ascension Day services at 3:15 & 6:30 p.m. The St. Paul PTO will be hosting dinner at 4 p.m. Please join us for hot dogs, salads, chips, desserts... and fun!

**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.

**FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR MRS. DOAN** Join your Wildcat family in the gym after late service on June 2nd for a First Sunday Potluck honoring Mrs. Doan. Please bring a dish to pass. We will provide a cake and "Card Shower" basket to gather notes or gifts to thank Mrs. Doan for her faithful service. - St. Paul Board of Ed

**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](http://www.mi-cef.org) or call toll free **800-242-3944**.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT LLL MEN'S RETREAT** The 74<sup>th</sup> 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!!

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

- Wednesday, August 21, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (15 needed)
- Thursday, August 22, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (15 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 and May 15!

**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** Rev. 21:1 – "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was

no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth that has been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN CALLS FOR GOODS** Orphan Grain Train—Michigan located in Sebewaing 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.

## **5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 11:1–18 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup> "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup> But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup> Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup> And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord,

how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

## **EPISTLE READING**

Revelation 21:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 16:12-22 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> [Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

**May 19, 2019**