



6th Sunday of Easter

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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. - 849, 644, 673, 769, 680, 844
10:30 a.m. - 849, 644, 844

READERS 8:00 a.m. - Herb Matthes 10:30 a.m. - John Rodgers

ACOLYTES 8:00 a.m. - Blake Lowe 10:30 a.m. - Alina Damic

GREETERS 8:00 a.m. - Angela Buda, David & Stacey Hildebrant
10:30 a.m. - Vaughn & Margie Begick, Janet & Paulette Beckers

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)	Sonia Scheurs (hospitalized)
Tom Harmon (Howard's brother)	Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)	Al Wegener
Dorothy Kaufmann	Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)	
Dodd (brother of Donna Smigiel)	

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Marvin & Nancy Appold	Herb & Lois Matthes
Jordan Delgado	Ben & Sharon Sny
Timothy Gillespie	Robert, Kelly, & Chase Wyman
Robert Kochalka	

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>5/26</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class
		10:30 a.m. Worship
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>5/27</u>	Memorial Day - No School
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>5/30</u>	3:15 p.m. Ascension Day Worship with Communion
		4:00 p.m. Ascension Day Dinner
		6:30 p.m. Ascension Day Worship with Communion
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>6/1</u>	Appold/Kuch Wedding
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	<u>6/2</u>	8:00 a.m. Worship
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class
		10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion (Outdoors, weather permitting)
		12:00 p.m. Farewell Potluck for Mrs. Doan

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 313 (199, 114)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS May 26 – Col. 1 May 27 – Col. 2
May 28 – Col. 3-4 May 29 – Psalm 50 May 30 – Psalms 51-53
May 31 – Proverbs 12 June 1 – Eph. 1

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! A freewill offering will be taken to support PTO activities.

HELP BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH Men's Club will be spreading mulch and planting flowers around the church entrance. Volunteers are welcome to help on Saturday, June 1 at 9 a.m. Please bring rakes and spades.

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

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! All 2019 High School and College/Grad School graduates are invited and encouraged to attend either the 8:00 or 10:30 service on Sunday, June 9. Wear your cap & gown and we will seat you together so that we may give thanks to God for His work in your accomplishments. We will gather in the church basement 15 minutes before each service to get you organized, and at the end of the service, we'll find out about your future plans.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION & STAFF ANNIVERSARIES Join us Sunday, June 9th for cake between services and after late service to celebrate the 8th Grade Graduation of Chessa Bourdow, Maggie Behmlander, and Max Behmlander. We will also have baskets for a "Card Shower" honoring Ruth Schian's 10th anniversary and Rachel Abraham's 15th anniversary of LCMS service. - St. Paul Board of Ed

FOOD OF FAITH St. Paul is serving Bay City's Food of Faith meal on Thursday, June 20. Please contact Bonnie List (989-686-6848) or Janet Beckers (989-686-3095) if you are able to donate desserts or if you are interested in helping with preparing or serving the meal.

THANKS The Spring Tea Committee would like to thank the hostesses for decorating such beautiful tables, those who donated such wonderful desserts and finger foods, and the many guests who took time out of their Sunday to join us for a spot of tea and lively conversation. A donation of \$310 was given to the Ministry Center on behalf of the 2019 Spring Tea.

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. 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)

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL COOKOUT All men of the congregation are invited to the annual cookout at John Neumeyer's house (5938 Fraser Rd.) on Tuesday, June 18 at 5 p.m. Please call Tom DePrekel (989-280-9285) or Vern Kuch (989-684-4672) if you have questions.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION Sunday School ended its year on May 21, with an End of Year Celebration. Kids enjoyed an art project, Bible review games, snacks & prizes. Thank you to all the families who brought their children to Sunday School. We have had a wonderful year sharing the love of Jesus with your children. Thank you to the teachers who volunteered their time. We were blessed to have an amazing group of teachers this year....Angela Haas, Tiffany List Kathy Lustila, Kayla Schlicker, Christy Swartz, and Janelle Wiess. Thank you also, to Allison List and JungJa McCoy, who filled in for teachers during the year. We wouldn't have a successful Sunday School without these dedicated teachers and helpers and the families who support the program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

Congratulations to the following students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for the month of May, our final Sunday School month for this school year: Charles Begick, Mason Daniel, Ava Garrett, Perry Garret, Noah Helmreich, Isaac Hendrick, Landon LaForest, Natalie List, Abigail Matyas, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Cadence Swartz, Hayden Swartz, Chase Wyman, Deanna Zeilinger, Maura Zeilinger

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 You can support the Alaskan Mission to Cooper Landing by ordering homemade egg rolls! We'll be filling orders up until June 9. \$10 for 6, or \$20 for a dozen. You can order by filling out a form in the church entryway or school office or by contacting Heidi Schultz (450-0975 or heidianschultz@aol.com). If you are not an egg roll fan, but would still like to support the mission trip, contributions can be made to Cooper Landing Community Church and sent in care of Ladonna Herbert, P.O. Box 518, Cooper Landing, AK 99572. 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 Save the date for VBS 2019! We are running 2 sessions again: evenings on Sunday, July 21 - Thursday, July 25, 5:30-8:15 p.m.; or mornings 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!!

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.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN WHOLE STEWARDSHIP? The Lutheran Church defines stewardship this way: Christian stewardship is the free and joyous

activity of God's family---the church -- in managing life's resources for His purposes. It is about how a Christian loves the Lord with all his or her heart and all of his or her mind and all his or her strength and all his or her soul and loves his or her neighbor as himself or herself. It is about the teaching of the radical generosity of our Lord toward us in Jesus and then our Holy Spirit - inspired response of generosity toward others. (Next week the question is whose responsibility is it?)

STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN GENERAL CALL FOR GOODS In

fewer than the first ten days of regular operations 423 boxes of humanitarian relief were assembled by Orphan Grain Train–Michigan. These include clothing, bedding, medical equipment, and hygiene and school kits. Early donations and gifts from individuals and congregations have made the opening work possible. Now is time for a general call for willingness throughout the church and community. Donations of clean serviceable clothing of all sorts (infant, children, adult) are welcomed. Medical supplies, bicycles in working condition, and blankets are also the kind of primary goods needed. A much fuller list can be found online at www.ogt.org under the “Donate” button. Donated items may be delivered to the OGT-Michigan Center (126 E. Main, Sebawaing) Tuesdays or Thursdays (9:00 am-noon) or by special arrangement by calling 989-600-2264. Already volunteers are actively preparing desperately needed aid for people world-wide.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15 (ESV)

⁹ A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (ESV)

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33 (ESV)

²³ [Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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