



The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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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. - Matins

10:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship with Communion

HYMNS

8:00 a.m. - 782, 861, 842

READERS

8:00 a.m. - Scott Engelhardt

10:30 a.m. - Terry Burkhard

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. - Blake Lowe

10:30 a.m. - Hogan Bourdow

GREETERS

8:00 a.m. - Jean & Mary Lou Appold, Anthony & Kathie Colone

10:30 a.m. - Steve & Debra Neuman, Loraine Diment, Paul Begick

USHERS

8:00 a.m. - Group 2 – Randy Appold, Matt Appold, Daryl Appold,
Weston Appold, Greg Behmlander, 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

Dolores Appold

Erv Hoerauf

Julie Roark

Dorine Auernhammer

Jon Ittner

Rose Anne Schmidt

Gwen Bakus

Lorna Ittner

Al Vogtmann

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE During the summer, there is childcare available during Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Please only drop your child off if you are attending adult Bible Study.

POTLUCK TODAY Join your St. Paul family at today's potluck at noon in the gym. Lisa Stanley and Kennedi Hardy will be sharing about their mission trip to Poland. Please bring a dish to pass.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY Please join us in the sanctuary next Sunday, August 11 at 1 p.m. for the Voters Meeting.

GREETERS The Board of Elders would like to say "Thank You" to all past and current greeters. Your smiling faces, warm hand shake, and courteous welcome are a wonderful way to begin our worship each Sunday. If you would like to become a greeter, please contact the church office at 989-684-4450 or Roger Hendrick at 989-686-0411. Two regular openings (once a month) are immediately available or you can assist by filling substitute openings.

BAKE SALE ON AUGUST 25 Help celebrate the successful wrap-up of the first ever St. Paul's Bible & Bake Camp! Six young students at St. Paul have spent 5 Wednesdays this summer deciphering, measuring, mixing, cracking, rolling, dipping and tasting delicious dessert recipes and contemplating Bible truths. Now they are very excited to share their baked goods with all of you! In the church narthex on the last Sunday in August... August 25th after both church services... the Bible & Bake Camp confections will be sold! Cookies and cakes and pies, oh my! – featuring a nut-free, gluten-free or dairy-free selection. All proceeds go to the Ministry Center! Come meet these terrific girls, feast your eyes and help our Ministry Center break ground!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT Thank you to all who came out to support the Chipotle fundraiser last week. We raised \$207.03 for the hot lunch program!

4TH THURSDAY VISUAL FAITH: RESTED AND REFRESHED Looking for balance and rest in the midst of all the busyness? Join us this month as we praise God for the gift of meaningful work and Sabbath rest! We'll read, reflect, and respond as God reveals His truth in Scripture. Bring along your Bible, a notebook, and a friend! 4th Thursdays meets next on August 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Auditorium. Contact Katie with questions at 989.225.3532.

DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL I want to thank you for your visits, cards and get well wishes, especially from the pastor, during my recent hospital stay. - Bill Appold

QUILTERS - SAVE THE DATE Save the date for a Quilty Good Time Retreat on Saturday, September 28 here in the school gym. Proceeds will benefit the Ministry Center.

FASTER PASTOR All are welcome to sign Pastor's t-shirt in the back of church for a \$10 donation to the Ministry Center. When you sign the shirt, coupons are available for entrance into the race on August 9.

MONITOR SOFTBALL Trinity Monitor will be holding a men's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch, women's modified softball and co-ed kickball tourney on August 9-11 at their park. If you would like to enter a team, contact Matt Burk at 757-7509 or matthew.burk@gm.com. Contact Vaughn Begick (686-0578 or vaughnpac@aol.com) if you would like to play in the men's slow pitch tourney.

VBS THANKS YOU! Many thanks to all who donated, helped, & prayed for VBS. We had an amazing week of lots of fun! We had 108 kids (which includes 54 non-St. Paul members) and 44 volunteers (14 of those working both sessions). Praise God for all He did in and through you!

8TH ANNUAL JME MEMORIAL RUN/WALK Please join us for a morning of exercise, fellowship and remembrance - Our Annual JME Memorial Run/Walk will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019. Students, ages 10 and under, can participate in the ¼ mile run at 9:00 and will receive a medal for participation. The 1 mile and 2 mile run/walk will begin at 9:15. All races will begin on Ziegler Rd (just next to the Church). Registration forms are available at the back of the church, in the school office, and on the St. Paul Website. New this year is online registration: <stpaulbaycity.org/news-events-registration> Registration deadline is September 6th to guarantee a race t-shirt. T-shirts are also available for purchase for \$10.00 even if you are not running or walking. Please fill out a form to purchase a shirt. We would love to have you attend for a great morning of fellowship. Thank you for your continued support of this event. We hope to see you on Sept. 14th!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY We still are looking for volunteers to help at the Great Lakes Loons games:

- Wednesday, August 21, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (1 more needed)
- Thursday, August 22, 5:15 p.m. arrival time (10 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. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. Thank you to all those who worked the games in May!

DONATING GOODS TO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN The newest initiative in the network of Orphan Grain Train Branches across the country is near us in the Michigan Thumb. After opening the center at Sebawaing Easter week, over 30 volunteers have already packed hundreds of boxes of humanitarian goods for international shipment to

those in need. The OGT Center is fully prepared to receive donated clothing, medical supplies, bicycles, quilts, and other humanitarian goods such as health kits or flood buckets, etc. Help keep Center volunteers busy by bringing used clothing or other items from 9:00–noon during operational hours Tuesdays and Thursdays or by arrangement. Please direct questions to Branch Manager, Pastor Dave Reed 989-600-2264 or consider visiting the Center at 126 E. Main, Sebewaing.

STEWARDSHIP "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." 1 Cor. 12:4-5
However one can serve, opportunities to be a Christian volunteer exist. Through the Holy Spirit, each Christian possesses at least one gift, or a special mix of gifts and abilities, to help us tell the story. Using our time to discover and exercise these gifts and abilities is every Christian's challenge, duty and responsibility. We can all contribute to our areas of emphasis: SPIRITUALITY - GROWTH - PRAYER to make St. Paul Lutheran Church and School a better place to worship, fellowship with each other and serve our people and welcome new members. What is your gift in serving? STEWARDSHIP - Is a way of life

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - LEAP ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR LEAP, an alliance of Lutheran ministries fostering collaboration in the Great Lakes Bay Region, is seeking qualified candidates to fill the part-time position of Admissions Coordinator to build relationships between prospective families and area Lutheran schools. Please contact Pastor Matyas, Mr. Lustila, or the office for a more detailed job description. Submit resumes to leapglbr@gmail.com by August 9, 2019.

VLHS JV BOYS SOCCER COACH OPENING Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a head JV Boys Soccer coach for this fall. If you are interested and would like to discuss the position further, please contact Eric Smith by phone (790-1676) or email: esmith@vlhs.com. The season starts on August 12th and runs through the first week of October. Thank you for your consideration.

AREA EVENTS

August 11 & 12, Chicken BBQ & Pig Roast - Trinity, Monitor (corner of 8 Mile and Salzburg Rd.) The 36th Annual Chicken BBQ will be on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. Floyd G's Juice Machine will be playing music in the pavilion from 7-11 p.m. Chicken dinners are \$9 and will include a ½ chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, roll, and dessert. On Sunday, we will have an outdoor worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by our Pig Roast at 11:30 a.m. The cost for the pork dinner will be \$10/adult, \$4/6-12 yrs, and five and under free. The meal will include roasted pork, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, squash, roll, and dessert. In case of inclement weather, the dinner will be held in the gym. Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and delicious food!

October 20, Hymn Festival - Grace, Auburn (303 Ruth St.) 4 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, Michigan will be hosting "Wide Open Stand the Gates: A Hymn Festival Extolling Christ's Gifts in Worship." The commentators for the hymn festival will be Rev. Daniel Burhop of Trinity, Reese and Rev. Aaron Schian of Grace, Auburn. The organists will be Kantor Hannah Bjornstad of Trinity, Reese and Kantor Nathan Beethe of Grace, Auburn. It will feature a brass ensemble, percussion, and a mass choir made up of members of area churches. Anyone who wishes to participate in the mass choir should contact Kantor Nathan Beethe at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com or they can call or text him at (989) 460-8014. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 (ESV)

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun?

²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1–11 (ESV)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21 (ESV)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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