



**The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 11, 2019**

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6100 Westside Saginaw Road  
Bay City, MI 48706  
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 4 with Communion  
10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 4

**HYMNS**      8:00 a.m. - 504, 735, 678, 620, 781, 923  
10:30 a.m. - 504, 735, 923

**ALTAR FLOWERS**      In honor of Mike & Cindy Appold's 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**READERS**      8:00 a.m. - Jack Lustila                      10:30 a.m. - Jeremy Warren

**ACOLYTES**      8:00 a.m. - Hayden Swartz                      10:30 a.m. - Emily EauClaire

**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, 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
Ruth Behmlander	Mike & Karen Kusch	Tim Wegener
Armond Beiser	Irma McKenzie	Ferdinand Zeilinger
Dorothy David	Margaret Meyer	

**SPECIAL**

Bill Appold	Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Tami Bond (Diane Vogtmann's daughter; surgery)	Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)
Hedwig Gerold (cancer)	Al Wegener
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)	Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)

**THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS**

Alexandra & Morgan Auernhammer	Kevin & Clara Kuch
Rollan & Sharon Berger	Patrick McMullen
Dan & Jill Dralle & Makenzie, Jack, & Megan Pickell	Brian & Mieka Rueger
Troy & Sue Headings	Christa Theiss
	Ferdinand Zeilinger

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

**SUNDAY**      8/11

8:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship
1:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**    8/14

***Church Newsletter Articles Due***

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	School Registration (gym)
4-7 p.m.	School Registration (gym)

**NEXT SUNDAY** 8/18

8:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	Staff Retreat

**NOTES AND NEWS**

**ATTENDANCE** Last Sunday – 312 (179, 133)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Aug. 11 - Matthew 28	Aug. 12 - Psalms 79-80
Aug. 13 - Psalms 81-83	Aug. 14 - Romans 1
Aug. 16 - Romans 3	Aug. 15 - Romans 2
Aug. 17 - Psalms 84-85	

**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.

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY** Please join us in the sanctuary today 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.

**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.

**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 (8 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!

**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!

**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](http://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!

**JOIN THE FUN! St. Paul Family Fun Day on September 14, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. – JME Memorial Run / Walk**

**11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Food, Fellowship, & Fun**

All are welcome! Come for the race and stay for even more family-friendly fun! Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, pop, bounce house, lawn games, and more. Help us give St. Paul's new 1st & 2nd Grade teacher, Andrea Dent, and her family a warm Wildcat welcome.  
– St. Paul Board of Education

**ART FRIENDS BEGINS!** Naomi Schimm is seeking volunteers for the school arts enrichment program, Lutheran Art Friends. Volunteers can be active in many ways, such as sharing an artwork with a group of students or being an art aide (the extra hand to help, in or outside of classes). No artistic ability is required; just a love of helping students succeed and grow in the fine arts. Please text or leave a message for Naomi at (989) 493-5835 or at the school office. She'll contact you with further information. Monetary donations (school office) are also very welcome for art prints, materials for the students, art display materials, etc. Thanks!

**ONE DAY QUILT RETREAT** St. Paul Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a One Day Quilt Retreat on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$50.00 which includes lunch and supper (form & money due by September 16). All proceeds from retreat registration will help fund the building of the Ministry Center. Space is limited to 40 quilters. Registration forms and more information are available in the church narthex and school office. Questions please contact: Virginia Hutter 989.686.3262 or Ardie Reuther 989.450.1464 or Carolyn Putt 906.281.1513.

**THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS** Robert Appold would like to thank the entire St. Paul Frankenlust for the prayers, cards, and calls you have showered upon him. He enjoys reading the cards and thinking and thanking God for you.

## **GOING ONCE...GOING TWICE...SOLD!**

**Save the Date!**

**March 22, 2020**

### **Fundraiser Auction to benefit the St. Paul Ministry Center**

Are you a crafter, quilter, baker, or woodworker? Maybe you provide a service—grass cutting, babysitting, snow shoveling, music instruction or performance? Do you have a home-based business or would your employer donate a gift certificate or item? We need your help! Everyone can contribute! The evening will include a meal, silent auction, and live auction. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more information. Contact Ray & Debbie Garcia (989.662.6050) or Kristen Glasser (989.529.2962) with questions and donations.

**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

**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!

**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 Sebewaing 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** Matthew 15:27 - "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters table." Faith receives what God gives, because faith knows that God only gives good things. Indeed, God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table. He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver. 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.

## **AREA EVENTS**

### **August 11, Pig Roast - Trinity, Monitor** (corner of 8 Mile and Salzburg Rd.)

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](mailto:kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com) or they can call or text him at (989) 460-8014. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

## **THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."  
<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"  
<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."  
<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."  
<sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."  
<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 11:1-16 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
<sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation.  
<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.  
<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.  
<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.  
<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
<sup>7</sup> By faith

Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:22–34 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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