



The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School
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. - 915, 516, 514, 641, 804, 648
10:30 a.m. - 915, 516, 648

ALTAR FLOWERS In honor of Larry & Kathy Bourassa's 40th wedding anniversary on August 18

READERS 8:00 a.m. - Ben Helmreich 10:30 a.m. - Howard McMullen

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, 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

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)	Al Wegener
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)	Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)
Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)	

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Larry & Kathy Bourassa	Margaret Meyer
Rick & Denise DuBay	Nicole, Kase, & Emmerson Savoie
Howard & Dorothy Helmreich	Rita Tilley
Ricky & Shelby Kuch	Richard Zeilinger

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY 8/25

8:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	Bake Sale
10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion - Installation of Andrea Dent

TUESDAY 8/27 8-11:30 a.m. First Day of School

FRIDAY 8/30 No School

NEXT SUNDAY 9/1

8:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
10:30 a.m.	Celebration & Praise with Communion (Outdoors, weather permitting)

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 299 (167, 132)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Aug. 25 - Proverbs 20	Aug. 26 - Psalms 90-91
Aug. 27 - Romans 9	Aug. 28 - Romans 10
Aug. 29 - Romans 11	
Aug. 30 - Psalms 92-93	Aug. 31 - Psalm 94

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED The St. Paul Sunday School program is blessed to have returning teachers for the 2019-2020 school year, but we still have a need. At least two people to co-teach a class and possible substitutes are needed. Teaching materials are provided and lessons are fun and simple to teach. The time commitment varies, depending on the number of teachers per class. Sunday School cannot succeed without our dedicated teachers, so please prayerfully consider being a part of our program. Sunday School begins, Sunday, September 8. Contact Vicki Begick (525-3733) or Lynn Hendrick (450-1969).

BAKE SALE TODAY 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 today 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!

LADIES AID The next meeting will be Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. held at Tiny's Apple Store on Salzburg Rd. You can purchase ice cream and/or donuts on your own and our activity is just to enjoy a late summer evening together outside and catch up. Picnic tables are available but feel free to bring a lawn chair if you'd be more comfortable. All ladies are welcome.

THANK YOU Thank for the outpouring of love from the congregation and all the ladies who helped with the funeral luncheon. What a blessing!
- The family of Barb Lutz

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.

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS Thank you all for the prayers for my daughter, Tami. She has recovered nicely from the emergency surgery. Sincerely, Diane Vogtmann

THANKS FROM THE SCHLICHER FAMILY Thank you for all the kind words, hugs, and especially the prayers for our son and brother Jeff. After a long and difficult recuperation, he has received the wonderful news that he is now cancer free! Please keep him in prayer as his recovery continues. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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!

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!

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

THANK YOU FROM TROY & SUE HEADINGS We would like to thank the congregation for all their heartfelt thoughts and prayers during the passing of our dad, Sherman Headings.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS Looking for more enthusiastic, passionate and dedicated people to step up and volunteer in our church? Because regardless of the size, style or location - every church needs more volunteers. Ask yourself, where can I serve the Lord here at St. Paul Lutheran Church? 1. Sunday School TEACHERS NEEDED! Sunday School staff are looking for individual willing to invest one hour a week in the lives of God's children. 1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." STEWARDSHIP - Is a way of life

AREA EVENTS

September 7, Brent R. Smith 3rd Annual Golf Scramble - Twin Oaks

(6710 Freeland Rd, Freeland) 1 p.m. Enjoy 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, door prizes, and toast to Brent at the turn. \$75 per person or \$250 for a foursome. Proceeds go to the Brent R. Smith Scholarship for a Valley Lutheran student or college student who has recently lost a parent and is in need of tuition assistance. For questions or to register, call Mary at 450-8018 or msmith@amelith.org.

October 20, Hymn Festival - Grace, Auburn (303 Ruth St.) 4 p.m. "Wide Open Stand the Gates: A Hymn Festival Extolling Christ's Gifts in Worship" 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 call or text him at (989)460-8014. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18–23 (ESV)

¹⁸ “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²² “For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³ From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:4–24 (ESV)

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30 (ESV)

²² [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."