



The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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. - Matins
10:30 a.m. - Celebration & Praise

HYMNS 8:00 a.m. - 667, 738, 728

READERS 8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker 10:30 a.m. - Gene Behmlander

ACOLYTES 8:00 a.m. - Lillian Garcia 10:30 a.m. - Nathan Coyer

GREETERS 8:00 a.m. - Jack & Kathy Lustila, Anthony & Kathie Colone
10:30 a.m. - Janet & Paulette Beckers, Loraine Diment, Paul Begick

USHERS 8:00 a.m. - Group 3 – Herb Matthes, Bob Schlicker, Jason
Schlicker, Art Zeilinger, Peter Auernhammer
10:30 a.m. - Group 6 – Brian Appold, Andy Weiss, Scott Weiss,
Jeffrey Olson

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

<u>HOMEBOUND</u>	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
Dorothy David

Irma McKenzie
Margaret Meyer

Ferdinand Zeilinger

SPECIAL

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)

Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)

Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin;
cancer)

Al Wegener

Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother;
cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Brad, Nastassja, & Miranda Ayala

Andrew Bourdow

Vernon & Delphine Dubey

Julia Helmreich

Russell Kuch

Natalie Michaels

Gary, Debra, & Paige Sawicki

Lori Toyzan

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

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)

MONDAY 9/2

Labor Day - No School

TUESDAY 9/3

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Church Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY 9/4

4-8 p.m. Right to Life of Michigan Petition
Signing in School Auditorium

NEXT SUNDAY 9/8

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 332 (195, 137)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sept. 1 - Psalms 95-96

Sept. 2 - Romans 12

Sept. 3 - Romans 13

Sept. 4 - Romans 14

Sept. 5 - Romans 15

Sept. 6 - Romans 16

Sept. 7 - Psalm 97-98

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The women's Bible student will begin on September 8 in the 7th/8th grade room. All women are welcome to join us for this time of small group fellowship and study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8 A new Sunday School year begins September 8, 9:15-10:15 a.m. All children, preschool through 8th grade, are welcome and encouraged to come. Join us in the gym at 9:15 a.m. for registration, songs, and prayer to kick off our new year. God has richly blessed our program with new and returning teachers, who will be ready share the love of God through lessons and activities each week. Please join us for Sunday School and grow in God's love.

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.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM As the 2019-2020 school year has begun, please consider ways you can partner with the St. Paul Hot lunch program:

Adopt our Salad Bar

This is a program that we did last year, and the congregation had us fully "funded" within a very short time!! (Praise God!) With this program you donate \$50 and that will cover the salad bar expenses for a week. If you are a shopper and would rather purchase the items, Heidi Schultz would give you ideas on what to purchase and you would be welcome to shop for us.

Overabundance of Produce

If you find that you have been abundantly blessed with produce you will not use, contact the school and see if we may be able to help you out!

DEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS The Bay Chapter of Wellspring Lutheran Services/Child and Family Auxiliary invites you to join our

Auxiliary and attend our September meeting on Monday, September 23 at 7 p.m. at Trinity, Monitor. Our Auxiliary is dedicated to serving the children of Michigan who are serviced by Wellspring Lutheran Services. We support these children in many different ways: we have in-gatherings to gather diapers and household cleaning supplies for foster families; we buy gift cards for foster children every Christmas; we sponsor a Foster Family Picnic every other year; and we have made cards of encouragement for these families.

Our Auxiliary also operates the Economy Center, a thrift store located in Bay City. Proceeds from this store are used to support the children and foster families serviced by Wellspring. People from area churches volunteer their time to run this store. Volunteers for this store are desperately needed. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Larry Pretzer at 989-280-8343.

If, at any time, you are unable to join us in membership, we ask that you keep these children in your prayers. Their needs are great, especially their need to know Jesus as their Savior. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

THANK YOU, ST. PAUL MEMBERS! The Bible & Bake Camp was a success because of your support! The Camp and Bale Sale brought in over \$1000.00 for the Ministry Center! The young Bakers were thrilled to see all their desserts purchased! With God, all things are possible!

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

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.

VOLUNTEER - STEWARDSHIP What are ways I could be serving in the church?

1. Choir - Open choir seats are opportunities to serve.
2. Celebration & Praise Contemporary Service team
3. Quilting ladies are looking for more volunteers
4. Greeters on Sunday Morning
5. Altar Guild
6. Visiting the shut-ins and more to come.

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 - A way of life

AREA EVENTS

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

This event has been postponed until next spring.

September 8, German Worship Service – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

11 a.m. (1030 Tuscola Rd.) We are blessed to find "joy" in God's Law and study St. Paul's letter to Philemon focused on life together as Christians. We can profit from these examples in building relationships with sister and brother believers. A traditional German Service liturgy will be used, and an English sermon entitled "Refresh My Heart" by Pastor Bill Hoesman. The congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including; „O Gott Du Frommer Gott" (O God Thou Faithful God), „Mir Nach Spricht Christus Unser Held" (Come Follow Me), „Was Kann Ich Doch Für Dank" (How Can I Thank Thee Lord), and „Wohl Einem Haus" (Oh Blest the House).

September 13, God, Grub, and Games at Grace - Grace, Auburn (303 Ruth St) 6 p.m. Enjoy macaroni and cheese and hot dogs with fellowship for the whole family. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short devotion and board games and cards available for all ages at 6:45 p.m. If you have questions, call Annette Rudick at 989-662-7562.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10 (ESV)

- ² It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- ³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
- ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
- ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- What your eyes have seen
- ⁸ do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
- ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
- ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1–17 (ESV)

- ¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
- ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,
- "The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"
- ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
- ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those

devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14 (ESV)

¹ One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."