



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 4 with Communion
10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 4

HYMNS 8:00 a.m. - 853, 685, 425, 605, 709, 646
10:30 a.m. - 853, 685, 646

READERS 8:00 a.m. - Larry Bourassa 10:30 a.m. - David Schultz

ACOLYTES 8:00 a.m. - Sawyer Bebow 10:30 a.m. - Jake Appold

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 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
Armond Beiser
Dorothy David

Mike & Karen Kusch
Irma McKenzie
Margaret Meyer

Tim Wegener
Ferdinand Zeilinger

SPECIAL

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)
Jon Ittner
Bill List
Sally McMullen (hip surgery)
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)

Mark Schmidt
Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin;
cancer)
Al Wegener
Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother;
cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Evan & Alexandra Appold
Daniel Bourdow
Ronald & Sally Easter
Linda Helmreich

Vernon Kuch
Nicholas Marter
Kenneth Van Cise
Wayne & Darlene Zeilinger

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY 9/8

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

MONDAY 9/9

6:30 p.m. Board of Business Management
7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting at Tiny's

TUESDAY 9/10

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Church Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY 9/11

Newsletter Articles Due

6:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

THURSDAY 9/12

6:30 p.m. Church Council

SATURDAY 9/14

9:00 a.m. JME Memorial Run/Walk
11:00 a.m. Family Fun Day & Picnic

NEXT SUNDAY 9/15

8:00 a.m. Worship - Rededication of Teacher &
Staff - Y5-8th Grade Choirs Sing
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 253 (134, 119)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sept. 8 - Proverbs 21 Sept. 9 - Psalms 99-102
 Sept. 10 - 1 Cor. 1 Sept. 11 - 1 Cor. 2 Sept. 12 - 1 Cor. 3
 Sept. 13 - 1 Cor. 4 Sept. 14 - Psalm 103

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY 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.

CLASSES FOR NEW MEMBERS Pastor's "Lutheranism 101" class will meet Sundays at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium starting September 15. Anyone interested in becoming a member or anyone else who would like to learn is invited to attend.

4TH THURSDAY VISUAL FAITH, SEPT 26 - SERMON NOTES Allow yourself the opportunity to be engaged in Sunday morning worship in a creative way. Learn how to use small sketches, words, dividers, and connectors to help visually and tangibly capture the message on Sunday morning, so you can reflect on it later in the week and be ready to share it with those around you. Thanks Valerie for sharing such a valuable session with the group! Thursday, Sept 26th, at 6:30 in the School Auditorium. Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a friend! Contact Katie Helmreich with any questions: 989-225-3532

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. Students, ages 10 and under, can participate in the ¼ mile run at 9 a.m. 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). The deadline to get a shirt has passed, but everyone is still welcome to

register and participate. Thank you for your continued support of this event. We hope to see you on September 14!

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. Weather permitting, all activities will take place on the church grounds. Lawn chairs welcomed. Rainout location will be the school gym. 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

FORE!! VALLEY LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING NEXT SATURDAY Don't miss a great day for a great cause! The 20th Annual VLHS Golf Outing is next weekend (Sept. 14) at Apple Mountain. This event is known for its fun, fellowship, and occasional good weather. The \$85 registration gets you: 18 holes of golf w/ cart, continental breakfast, a hot dog at the turn, and supper after the round – plus you support a great school! There are games throughout the course for all ability levels. Call the school office at 989-790-1676 to join us for this fun day.

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!

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.

STEWARDSHIP IS SERVING Romans 12:4-6 "We have different gifts according to the grace given us." There are so many ways to contribute to the health and mission of our church, and each of them provide ways to be connected to other members. The list below is several ways you can get involved. #1. They still need Sunday School teacher or helpers #2. Ushers #3. Youth ministry #4. Helping at school #5. Evangelism. Great fellowship with other members by joining Ladies Aid, Friendship Circle (LWML), or Men's Club. Just a few more ways to serve our Lord. STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

AREA EVENTS

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.

October 6, Smorgasbord Dinner & Country Store - Zion, Beaver 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (corner of Eleven Mile and Seidlers in Auburn) The old-fashioned country meal includes pork sausage, chicken, sauerkraut, dressing, German potato salad, real mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, squash, salads, and pies. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and children 4 and under eat free. The Country Store (opens at 10 a.m.) will feature Christmas items, sweethearts, plants, home-grown produce, candy, baked goods, and hand-crafted items.

October 13, Ox Roast Dinner - St. John, AuGres 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (206 N. Court St.) A hearty meal of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, squash, coleslaw, and homemade desserts will be served. The dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 eat free. Take-out dinners are also available.

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!

THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

SECOND READING Philemon 1-21 (ESV)

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35 (ESV)

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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