



6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020

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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 1

10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 1 with Communion

HYMNS

8:00 a.m. - 496, 645, 686

10:30 a.m. - 496, 645, 650, 763, 707, 686

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Lu Britton's 80th birthday on February 20,
given by her family

SIDE FLOWERS

Birthday wishes to Jeannine Neumeyer today on her
90th birthday, given by her family

OFFERTORY

8:00 a.m. - Bell Choir: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

READERS

8:00 a.m. - Ken Van Cise

10:30 a.m. - David Schultz

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. - Blake Lowe

10:30 a.m. - Emily EauClaire

GREETERS

8:00 a.m. - Tom & Nancy Hoerauf, Lura Gehrman, Rita Tilley

10:30 a.m. - Marie Hendrick, Jean Begick, Tiffany List, Rachel Abraham

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

HOMEBOUND

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| Erv Hoerauf | Julie Roark |
| Dolores Appold | Eleanor Schlicker |
| Dorine Auernhammer | Rose Anne Schmidt |
| Gwen Bakus | Al Vogtmann |
| Ruth Behmlander | Al Wegener |
| Armond Beiser | Tim Wegener |
| Rick & Bonnie Emeott | Ferdinand Zeilinger |

SPECIAL

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| Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother) | |
| Stacy Bohlen (Joan's daughter) | Mary Pfund (hospice) |
| Wyatt Crouse (Dan Bourdow's grandson) | Mark Schmidt |
| Cindy Eastman (surgery) | Bill Snelenberger |
| Hedwig Gerold (cancer) | Rita Tilley |
| Carl Hafer (Megean Zeilinger's dad) | Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer) |
| Lynn (Leeta Theiss's sister-in-law; cancer) | Florence Wagner |
| Fred Morley (uncle of DJ Bourdow) | Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer) |
| | Family of Andy Wiess's mother |

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

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| Austin Appold | Howard Grantham |
| Daniel, Madeline, Karson, Sawyer, Eli, & Iva Bebow | Jan Kinney |
| Daniel Bourdow | Dorothy & Anthony Martin |
| David, Kristine, Lydia, & Maisy Drysdale | Luella Prime |
| | David, Heidi, & Lydia Schultz |
| | Brenda Weiss |

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

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| <u>SUNDAY</u> | 2/16 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Bible Classes & Sunday School |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Worship with Communion |
| <u>TUESDAY</u> | 2/18 | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Church Choir |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 2/20 | 6:30 p.m. | Friendship Circle |
| <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> | 2/23 | 8:00 a.m. | Worship with Communion; Gr. 5-8 Youth Choir Sings |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Bible Classes & Sunday School |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Worship |

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 390 (204, 186)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Feb. 16 – Proverbs 4 Feb. 17 - Acts 12
 Feb. 18 - Acts 13 Feb. 19 - Acts 14 Feb. 20 – Ps. 19-20
 Feb. 21 - Acts 15 Feb. 22 - Acts 16

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR Congregation members and current school families may now enroll for the 2020-2021 school year! Registration will open to the community on March 1, 2020. The preschool classroom is expected to fill quickly again this year. A \$75 preschool registration fee will reserve your child's spot for next year. Information and enrollment forms are available in the school office. If you desire your child to receive a Christ-centered education, please stop in the office to enroll your child. If you would like a tour and other information, please call the school office at 989.684.4450 to make arrangements.

| Preschool | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$75 preschool registration fee will reserve your child's spot | | |
| Half Day Options (8-11 am) | Monthly Tuition | Annual Tuition |
| 2 days/week | \$95 | \$855 |
| 3 days/week | \$130 | \$1,170 |
| 5 days/week | \$195 | \$1,755 |
| Full Day Options (8 am-3 pm) | Monthly Tuition | Annual Tuition |
| 2 days/week | \$220 | \$1,980 |
| 3 days/week | \$315 | \$2,835 |
| 4 days/week | \$370 | \$3,330 |
| 5 days/week | \$425 | \$3,825 |

| Young 5's (Half Day Monday-Friday) | | |
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| Half Day (8 am-12:10 pm) | Monthly Tuition | Annual Tuition |
| St. Paul Member Cost per Student | \$75 | \$750 |
| Community Cost per Student | \$125 | \$1250 |

| Young 5's (Full Day) - 8th Grade | | | | |
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| Full Day (8 am-3 pm) | Annual Tuition | | | |
| | 1st Child | 2nd Child | 3rd Child | 4th+ Child |
| St. Paul Member | \$1500 | \$1000 | \$500 | Free |
| Community | \$2500 | \$2000 | \$1000 | Free |

CALL TO MANISTEE Trinity Lutheran School in Manistee, Michigan, has extended a call to Lisa Stanley to teach 3rd & 4th grade. Please keep Lisa in your prayers as she contemplates her two calls, here to St. Paul and there at Trinity.

BEACON OF HOPE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG We'd like to get the Baby Bottles back to Beacon of Hope. If you have one to turn in, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks for all you do in support of these organizations that share the love of God in our community, and please keep them in your prayers.

SEE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR TO FIND DATES TO PLACE FLOWERS The Altar Flowers Calendar for 2020 is hanging on the wall in the cry room in the back of church. If you would like to put flowers in church, you may mark it down on the calendar. You order the flowers, and the committee will make sure the information is published in the church bulletin.

LWML FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE meeting on Thursday evening, Feb 20th will feature two heart-warming guest speakers. SVSU student Wema Muze and VLHS student Lydia Schultz will share their incredible experiences from abroad. Please plan now to attend, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Paul school auditorium.

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE! – 4TH THURSDAY VISUAL FAITH
"Truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer." Ps 66:19. Join in praising God as we recount His steadfast love in our lives! Together we'll draw snapshots of answered prayers, the amazing people in our lives, and the "awesome deeds" He has done. "But I can't draw people..." Sure you can! You'll be able to by the end of the evening, promise. Come and learn, be encouraged, and praise God in prayer and creativity! Thursday, 2/27, in the school auditorium, 6:30-8:30. Bring your Bible, a notebook, and a friend! Questions call or text Katie, 989.225.3532.

LAY READERS The Elders are looking to update the Sunday lesson reader list. Any man interested in being a reader on a regular or substitute basis please contact Tom Appold at 989-686-1417.

ST PAUL LADIES! Here's how to brighten and warm a few hours on a wintery Saturday morning the end of February! Our LWML Bay Area Zone Prayer Day will be held February 29, 2020 at St. John, Amelith. Registration - 8:45 AM Breakfast - 9:00 AM and it's only a few delightful, inspirational hours, not a whole day! (\$5.00 donation requested for breakfast). RSVP by Friday, February 21, 2020 to Dorothy Helmreich (text-989-213-1515, hdhelmreich@gmail.com or email Cheri Fish (St John's host): crosslwml@gmail.com)

LENTEN SEASON Lent begins Wednesday, February 26. We will have Wednesday midweek services during Lent at 3:15 and 6:30 p.m. Supper will also be served on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at school. All are

welcome! A free-will donation will be taken at each supper to support the different groups hosting. Below is the schedule:

February 26 – Alaska Mission (menu below)

March 4 – VBS

March 11 – France Mission

March 17 – Poland Mission

March 25 – 7/8th Grade

April 1 – Recreation Committee

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & SALAD SUPPER The Lenten meal on

Wednesday, February 26 will be hosted by the Alaska Mission Group.

Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup, Wild Rice Soup, or Beef Vegetable

Soup, along with salad and dessert. If you would like to order any

soups to go, please call or text Heidi (989-450-0975) or David (989-450-2516). Quart size with 4 rolls - \$7.00; pint size with 2 rolls - \$5.00.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service will be

held on April 10, 2020 at the Horizon's Conference Center at 6200

State Street in Saginaw Township at 1 pm. The Reverend Dr. Robert

Kasper will be the guest speaker. He is the Assistant to the President of

the Michigan District-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and serves as

the congregation Mission/Ministry Facilitator for the Metro Zone. In

order to underwrite the cost of this service, we are seeking support

from congregation members as we have done in the past. If you

would like to donate, contact your congregation representative,

Vaughn Begick, at 686-0578. Checks should be made out to "Good

Friday Service". Thank you for any support you can give, and invite

your relatives, friends and unchurched acquaintances to join us at the service.

SAGINAW SPIRIT TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT! Come join your St. Paul

Church and School family for a fun night at the Dow Event Center! The

Saginaw Spirit will be recognizing the importance of schools and

educators at the home game 7:05 p.m. on Friday, February 28th, and

they want to encourage families to come and be a part of supporting

their school and teachers. Tickets are all \$9.00 for everyone 3 years old

and up, and can be gotten directly from the Saginaw Spirit. Here's

how it works:

1. Go to <https://www.saginawspirit.net/groupsales>

2. Enter the username: teacher
and the password: spirit

3. Purchase your tickets which will be held at the Will Call window
under your name.

4. Make sure you put in the "Notes" section that you are from "St. Paul
Lutheran - Frankenlust" so that they put all of our people in the
same section together!

Easy Peasy. Get your tickets soon as the site is active right now until
the 27th. Enjoy the game!

CLASSES FOR NEW MEMBERS Pastor's "Lutheranism 101" class will meet Sundays at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium starting March 1. Anyone interested in becoming a member or anyone else who would like to learn is invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE! March 15th at 2 p.m. St. Paul will participate in Bay City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. St. Paul families are encouraged to join the fun. Limit of 25 children riding on the float. Older children may walk with their parent. Contact Kristen Glasser at 989-529-2962 to participate. A waiver must be signed prior to the event.

THANKS The family of Vic Begick would like to thank all who sent cards, prayed for and visited Vic during this past year. It meant a lot of all of us!

'SEE AND REJOICE!' MICHIGAN DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION, AT

ELLISON PLACE, GAYLORD, JULY 10-12, 2020 The Mid-Michigan, Timberline and Bay City zones (hosts for this convention) are looking for women to serve as hostesses and ushers. We need hostesses at the convention hotels and at the convention center and ushers at the opening Worship Service. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Dorothy Kridler (Bay City zone) at dorothykridler@yahoo.com or Dorothy Helmreich at hdhelmreich@gmail.com. Thank you so much.

AUCTION FUNDRAISER Get ready for our auction fundraiser for the Ministry Center! Sunday, March 22, 4-6pm supper (free will donation) and silent auction, 6:00 Live Auction. Auction will be held in the school gym. 65" smart tv, cabin rentals, quilts, Epson printer, a Traverse City wine tour and tasting, cornhole games, and many, many more items up for bid. Come for supper-stay for the fun!

THANK YOU TO MY ST. PAUL FAMILY Thank you for the good wishes and prayers during the time of my surgery and recovery. Thank you also to Pastor for his visit. ~ Bill Dijak

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE! Join thousands of Michigan Lutherans who experience the benefits of a Church Extension Fund investment. They know their money is being used to help God's Kingdom grow by helping build churches and schools that preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Luella Britton at 798-3156 or call toll-free 800-242-3944.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." Stewardship is heart work - Matthew 6:19-21

SHOE COLLECTION Valley Lutheran's student-led organization, Key Club, is holding a shoe drive. They are partnering with Funds2orgs. This organization gives the shoes you donate to micro-entrepreneurs in third world countries. This provides jobs and the means for working age

adults to provide for their families. In return for collecting shoes, Funds2orgs gives \$1000 to the organization that collects these shoes. Key Club can then take this money and invest in other community projects. Bring in your gently used or new shoes Feb. 23-March 15 to help Key Club achieve their goal of collecting 2,500 pairs of shoes. A collection box will be here at St. Paul. (No single shoes, no holey shoes, no ice skates, no rollerblades). If you have more questions, contact Barry Wittig- bwittig@vlhs.com or go to <https://funds2orgs.com/faq/> for answers to commonly asked questions.

VALLEY LUTHERAN AUCTION & BENEFIT DINNER There are still tickets available for Valley's annual auction and benefit dinner - and you are invited! While this year's theme is CLUE, there is really no mystery here: it's sure to be an evening of fun and fellowship, all in support of the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School. Hope you can attend. Visit vlhsauction.com for more information and to purchase your tickets today.

SAVE THE DATE Valley Lutheran High School invites you to join for a celebration of the ministry of Dr. John Brandt. Kindly mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16, 2020 and plan to join us at Horizons Conference Center as we thank and honor Dr. Brandt for his 40 years of service to the school. Tickets on sale March 1, 2020. Visit www.vlhs.com/brandtretirement for more information and to purchase tickets.

COACH NEEDED AT VALLEY LUTHERAN FOR THIS SPRING Valley Lutheran High School is looking for a JV baseball coach for this coming spring season (2020). If interested and you'd like more information, please contact Athletic Director Eric Smith (esmith@vlhs.com) or Head Coach Kurt Hofmeister (khofmeister@vlhs.com) or call 989-225-7385).

6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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."

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 3:1–9 (ESV)

¹ But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21–37 (ESV)

²¹ [Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'¹ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'¹ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'¹ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'

³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

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