



Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 25, 2018

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School
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.

<u>LITURGY</u>	8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 1 with Communion	10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 1
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 336, 348, 621, 641, 384, 549 (st. 1, 2, 6, 7)	10:30 a.m. - 336, 348, 549 (st. 1,2,6,7)
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Larry Bourassa	10:30 a.m. - John Rodgers
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Max Behmlander	10:30 a.m. - Brooklynn Garrett
<u>GREETERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Angela Buda, David & Stacey Hildebrant	10:30 a.m. - Vaughn & Margie Begick, Janet & Paulette Beckers
<u>USHERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Group 1 – Cary Behmlander, Dale Jezowski, Mike Mossner, Adam Jezowski, Rollan Berger	10:30 a.m. - Group 4 – Bob Eastman, Cindy Eastman, Tim Begick, Howard Helmreich

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

SICK/INJURED

Vera Begick (hip surgery) currently at Bay Shores

HOMEBOUND

Erv Hoerauf	Julie Roark	
Dorine Auernhammer	Jon Ittner	Herb Schmidt
Dolores Appold	Lorna Ittner	Rose Anne Schmidt
Gwen Bakus	Mike & Karen Kusch	Al Vogtmann
Armond Beiser	Irma McKenzie	Tim Wegener
Dorothy David	Margaret Meyer	

SPECIAL

Mary Kochalka (cancer)
James Abraham (Rachel's dad, home on hospice)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Susan Lakel	
Benjamin Begick	Michael Mossner
Brianna Burkhard	Gregory, Nicole, Kase, & Emerson Savoie
Jill & Evangeline Friske	Adolph Sturm
Thomas & Nancy Hoerauf	Ben Zeilinger

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY 11/25

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:00 p.m. Family Jesse Tree Event

TUESDAY 11/27

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

WEDNESDAY 11/28

6-8 p.m. LifeLight & Confirmation Classes

SATURDAY 12/1

8:30-9:30 a.m. Ladies Aid Coffee Hour
9:30-11 a.m. Ladies Aid Bake Sale

NEXT SUNDAY 12/2

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion
7:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 454 (182, 272)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Nov. 25 – Ps. 135-136 Nov. 26 – John 18
Nov. 27 – John 19 Nov. 28 – John 20 Nov. 29 – John 21
Nov. 30 – Proverbs 28 Dec. 1 – Ps. 137-138

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Sunday School will not meet during Thanksgiving Weekend, Sunday, November 25. Child Care will be provided in the Preschool room for those who would like to attend adult Bible class.

FAMILY JESSE TREE!

Setting aside time for family devotions is often a challenge for moms and dads. Finding devotional material can be tricky, too. Advent is a great time to get in this habit, but then there's that other hurdle... remembering to do your devotional! Your St. Paul Family is here to help! Sunday, Nov. 25 at 1:00 p.m. families can come, have a light lunch, and we'll have all the materials for you to make your own Family Jesse Tree. As you read the provided devotions each day, add the ornaments you've created to a small tree or hang them on a ribbon or garland to create a powerful visual reminder of God's faithfulness and love for His people.

LADIES AID BAKE SALE

Our Ladies Aid Bake Sale is Saturday, December 1, in the school gym. The coffee and donut hour is from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and the sale will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Come enjoy German treats!

TINSEL TREE CHALLENGE

Our Y5 & Kindergarten class has accepted the challenge to decorate a Christmas tree that will be displayed at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple in downtown Bay City on Saturday, December 1st from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. During this time, the public is welcome to come and see and vote for your favorite tree. Please take time out on Saturday, December 1 to offer your support by voting for our Y5 & Kindergarten's tree decorating effort! Community visitors vote for their favorite tree with \$1.00 voting tickets, and each vote received is equivalent to \$1 back to the class.

GIVING TUESDAY

When? - Nov 27th Where? - lwml.org/givingtuesday
Why? - Your donation will be doubled when given on-line toward the LWML Mites for Missions on this day! Who? - You! Please read the flyer in today's bulletin for more information, and help make a difference! Thank you!

WELLSPRING CARING TREE

Please consider donating a gift by choosing a gift tag from the tree. All gifts must be returned by Dec. 9. Instructions will be on the table in the narthex next to the tree. Call Cheryl Leppek (460-8383) or Angie Buda (397-4198) if you have any questions.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

You are invited to pick up a blue Advent devotion booklet, entitled "The Coming King," in the back of church for your daily study of Scripture. Regular and large-print copies are available

for you to begin reading December 2. Thank you to Lutheran Hour Ministries for making this resource available for us to share.

ADVENT SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER The St. Paul Men's Club will once again be hosting the 1st Wednesday in Advent dinner in the school auditorium from 4-6 p.m. to coincide with the Advent services on December 5. The menu will be vegetable beef soup, salad with fixins, sauerkraut with pork, hot dogs, Polish dogs, mashed potatoes with butter and gravy, kosher dills, coffee, milk, punch, water, and assorted desserts.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held December 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in our own St. Paul auditorium! Call or text Lu Britton (989)798-3156 or Loretta Schlicker (989)233-9564 of your attendance and number of guests by Sunday, December 12th. (\$12 per person.) Bring your \$10-15. Secret Pal gift, gifts for spouses and guests, table offering for missions and enjoy a delicious catered meal from the Char House. We will be entertained by a few vocalists from VLHS, who will expect some audience participation! "Fa-la-la-la la, la-la, la, La!

HELP NEEDED Hedy Gerold (686-4504) needs a housekeeper to assist her in her Condo in Creekwood Cir. Subdivision off Two Mile near church. It is a small condo with only one floor. She is a very nice and very neat, clean person. She only needs help one day a week. The current housekeeper that has been helping her is working and going back to college after the 1st of the year.

She also needs someone to driver her occasionally to the grocery, pharmacy, and doctor, usually all on the same day. The person from church that has been helping her since May is going to Florida after Christmas until April, and she will only have one relative that can only help occasionally. She only has one appointment scheduled in Feb. 2019. However, she will be having surgery between now and then and might need a ride to the hospital and back. It would be great if we could find 2 or 3 people that she could call for a ride when needed.

STEWARDSHIP We Welcome our Lord (part 2)

THE INTROIT: The Introit is usually taken from the Psalm specially selected to lift our hearts to worship.

GLORIA PATRI (p. 26) We praise again the name of our Triune God: God the Father, our Creator; God the Son; our Redeemer; and God the Holy Ghost, our Sanctifier.

THE KYRIE (p. 17): The Kyrie is an expression of our emptiness without God and of our need to have Him come and fill us with His Grace.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (p. 17): We lift our voices to God in thanksgiving for sending His Son to be our Savior. (This is the song the angels sang to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem the night Jesus was born).

THE SALUTATION (p. 19): The Pastor prays that the Holy Spirit may bless the congregation as they offer their petitions to God and give attention to His Word: "The Lord be with you". The congregation answers by invoking upon the Pastor the same Holy Spirit, that he might give voice to the heartfelt petitions of the people and preach God's word with power. (And also with you, Pastor.)

THE COLLECT for the Day: Is a short prayer which gather or "collect" the thoughts and prayers of the entire Church as they apply to the theme of the day.

STEWARDSHIP- A way of life

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS PARTY St. Paul Ladies Aid will be having their annual Christmas party on Monday Dec. 3 at Pierce Bar and Grill on Pierce Road between Bay City and Saginaw. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. We will need to collect \$13 for your dinner prior to the party this year. Members, please check your church mailboxes for more detailed information regarding this event or call one of the committee members: Lisa Stanley, Ashley Clauss, Debbie Neuman, or Kim Snover. We will need your reservation by Nov. 21. Thanks, and we hope to see you there.

1st & 2nd GRADE TEACHER Mrs. Doan is resigning from St. Paul as 1st & 2nd grade teacher at the end of the school year. Congregation members may submit names for consideration through the end of November. In addition to a bachelor's degree and state certification, the teacher must have a Lutheran Teaching Diploma or colloquy, and be a rostered member of the LCMS in good standing.

THANK YOU to our St Paul Family for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits during our surgeries and recovery. Bill & Greta Dijk

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU To Sandy Behmlander, Judy Engelhardt, & Virginia Hutter for sharing your talents in quilting with the kindergarten class! We had a wonderful day learning to sew and piecing together our quilts. To Bill Appold for bringing in some of your arrowhead collection to the kindergarten class. The children enjoyed seeing and touching actual pieces of history!

AREA EVENTS

Thurs., November 29, Sat., December 1, & Sun., December 2, Boars Head Festival – Bethlehem, Saginaw (808 Weiss St.) This festival will move you and your family into the true Christmas spirit. The dates are Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m., & Dec. 2 at 4:00 p.m. There is no cost or tickets. We hope to see you there!

Sat., December 1, "Pupils and Paws" Ultimate at Home Party – St. John, Amelith 12-3 p.m. (1664 Amelith Rd.) Come holiday shop for the perfect gift or stocking stuffer. All proceeds go to the school and Amazing Grace Animal Shelter. Would you like to be a vendor? Call, email or text Tracy. 989-737-9233 or tmcorbat@hotmail.com

Sun., December 2, German Songfest – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth 3 p.m. (1030 Tuscola Rd.) All are welcome to join in singing many favorite German carols and hearing German readings of Advent and Christmas. This year's event highlights the 200th anniversary of "Stille Nacht" by singing all six original German verses with guitar, as first sung in Oberndorf/Salzburg in 1818. The Male Chorus will perform, and a brass group will play pre-service carols. About 200 attendees are expected, and a free-will offering will be gathered. After the Songfest, visitors are invited to tour the church's historic sites, including the founders' bells from Nürnberg, the church museum of German immigrant and Native American artifacts, and the 1845 log cabin replica.

Fri., December 7, Sat., December 8, & Sun., December 9, Living Nativity Walk – Immanuel, Frankentrost, (8220 Holland Rd. (M-46)) Friday, Dec. 7 from 7 - 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m. Travel to the ancient town of Bethlehem to pay your taxes and be counted in the Roman census. Hear the shepherds talk about the angels' proclamation. Listen to the prophet talk of signs and wonders. Enjoy the city alive with activity and no room at the inn. Avoid the anger of the Roman Soldiers and tax collectors. See the babe asleep in the manger. This is a free 30-minute walk and is mainly an outdoor event, so dress for the weather. A cement sidewalk is in place. After the walk-through, everyone is invited to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.

Sat., December 8, Bake Sale – Pilgrim, Essexville 9 a.m.- Noon (1705 Nebobish Ave.) There will be lots of Christmas cookies, bread, pies and an assortment of candies. Stock up on you Holiday gifts. Contact person is Mary Setzer, 989-893-7224

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:4–6 (ESV)

⁴ “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

EPISTLE READING

Jude 20–25 (ESV)

²⁰ But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37 (ESV)

²⁴ [Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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