



The Epiphany of Our Lord
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Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 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. - Matins	10:30 a.m. - Celebration & Praise with Communion
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 395, 400, 941, 399	
<u>SOLO</u>	8:00 a.m. - Sarah Schimm - "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" by Malcom Archer	
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker	10:30 a.m. - Gene Behmlander
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Natalie List	10:30 a.m. - Caroline Douponce
<u>GREETERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Jean & Mary Lou Appold, Anthony & Kathie Colone	10:30 a.m. - Steve & Debra Neuman, Loraine Diment, Paul Begick
<u>USHERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Group 3 - Herb Matthes, Bob Schlicker, Jason Schlicker, Art Zeilinger, Pete Auernhammer	10:30 a.m. - Group 6 - Brian Appold, Andy Weiss, Scott Weiss, Jeffrey Olson

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

SICK/INJURED

Paul Begick

HOMEBOUND

Dorine Auernhammer

Erv Hoerauf

Margaret Meyer

Dolores Appold

Jon Ittner

Julie Roark

Gwen Bakus

Lorna Ittner

Rose Anne Schmidt

Armond Beiser

Mike & Karen Kusch

Al Vogtmann

Dorothy David

Irma McKenzie

Tim Wegener

SPECIAL

Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)

Mike Ruegsegger (Denise's father-in-law)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY

1/6

8:00 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion

12:00 p.m. Potluck

TUESDAY

1/8

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Church Choir

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY

1/9

Newsletter Articles Due

6:00 p.m. Board of Education

THURSDAY

1/10

6:30 p.m. Church Council

NEXT SUNDAY

1/13

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Visual Faith Colored Pencil Workshop

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 336 (184, 152), New Year's Eve – 109

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jan. 8 – Luke 5

Jan. 6 – Proverbs 1

Jan. 7 – Ps. 3-5

Jan. 9 – Luke 6

Jan. 10 – Luke 7

Jan. 11 – Luke 8

Jan. 12 – Luke 9

THE MATYAS FAMILY THANKS YOU Thank you for the many Christmas blessings you have given us this year. Love, the Matyas family

POTLUCK TODAY The First Sunday Fellowship Potluck will be today at noon in the gym. Join us!

QUILTING GROUP On Thursday, January 10, we'll begin putting quilts together again. We will meet in the church basement at 9 a.m. So if you have a couple extra hours, come join us! A needle and scissors are all you need. Last year we made and distributed about 60 quilts. For more information, contact Marie Hendrick (686-0645).

VISUAL FAITH FOURTH THURSDAY Join Visual Faith Coach Katie Helmreich for a monthly opportunity to use Visual Faith practices together with fellow believers. No experience is needed, simply bring a willing heart and a love of creativity. We will read, reflect, and respond to God's Word in a meaningful and creative way. Visual Faith Fourth Thursday will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning January 2019, from 6:30-8:30 pm, in the multipurpose room of the school. Call or text Katie with questions at 989.225.3532.

WILD GAME DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Mark your Calendar, Save the Date,

Find your Recipe, Even Donate!

The annual Youth Wild Game Potluck and Silent Auction will be on Sunday, January 27, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The Silent Auction will end at 1:30 and Door Prizes drawn after that. So save some of your harvest, find your favorite recipe, and come enjoy tasty food and fellowship. To donate items for auction or Door Prizes, contact David Schultz.

STEWARDSHIP Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time. We beg Your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be more fruitful one. We earnestly pray for the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT and we call upon our LORD JESUS CHRIST for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.
STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

ORGANIST NEEDED Trinity-St. James Lutheran Church in Munger is looking to hire a part-time organist (two Sundays a month), or a full time organist which would be preferred. Please prayerfully consider this position if you have this God given talent! If you have any questions please contact the church office at (989)659-2506.

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Visual Faith Colored Pencil Workshop

With Visual Faith Coach Pat Maier

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$10 per person
\$5 for High School students

All supplies provided

No prior experience necessary

Call the church office by Jan. 7,
to register: 989.686.7140



Join us for an evening of
creativity as we look to
reflect on God's Word in a
unique way.

"Let us draw near to God with
a sincere heart and the full
assurance faith brings..."
Hebrews 10:22

AREA EVENTS

Sun., January 13, German Service – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth 11 a.m. (1030 Tuscola Rd.) The theme for the January service is how a New Year can offer a fresh start and the Epiphany focus on an increasing awareness of Jesus' presence that will enable a realistic anticipation of growth of faith and joy being a shining light in a New Year! The service will include an English sermon entitled "God's Calling in a New Year" by Pastor Bill Hoesman. Greg Rummel will perform a solo and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including "Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen Allzugleich" (Praise God the Lord, Ye sons of Men), "Brich Auf und Werde Lichte" (Arise and Shine in Splendor), "O König aller Ehren" (O Jesus, King of Glory), and "Die Guldne Sonne" (Evening and Morning). Upcoming German services are scheduled for Feb. 10th, Mar. 10th, and April 14th. Gottes Segen für 2019!

Sun., January 13, Chicken Barbeque Dinner –Valley Lutheran High School 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (3560 McCarty Rd, Saginaw) You are invited to a little taste of summer. The St. John Amelith Men's Athletic Club is once again barbecuing chicken at Valley Lutheran. Dinner includes real mashed potatoes, corn, a roll, homemade coleslaw, and pie. Price is \$11 for a half chicken meal or \$9 for a quarter chicken meal. Please consider joining us or order for take-out. Proceeds will benefit the athletic, drama and music departments at Valley Lutheran. Thank you for your support!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6 (ESV)

- ¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- ³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1–12 (ESV)

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.