



The Baptism of Our Lord
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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'S MEMBERS

Rachel Abraham

Travis & Caitlyn Jaskiewicz

Paul Begick

Susan Leinberger

Caila, Vanessa, & Londyn
Burkhard

Matthew, Leslie, Hunter, & Andrew Oliver
Joshua Schmidt

Brian Fritz

Brandon & Avery Weinlander

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY

1/13

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

1:00 p.m. Voters Meeting

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

TUESDAY

1/15

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:00 p.m. Church Choir

7:00 p.m. Men's Club

FRIDAY

1/19

11:30 a.m. Early School Dismissal

NEXT SUNDAY

1/20

8:00 a.m. Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 389 (200, 189)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jan. 13 – <i>Ps. 6-7</i>	Jan. 14 – <i>Luke 10</i>
Jan. 15 – <i>Luke 11</i>	Jan. 16 – <i>Luke 12</i>
Jan. 17 – <i>Proverbs 2</i>	
Jan. 18 – <i>Luke 13</i>	Jan. 19 – <i>Luke 14</i>

WELCOME AND GREETINGS Welcome to Pastor Matthew Wood and his family this morning. Pastor Wood will be delivering a presentation at 9:15 in the auditorium about his work in Indonesia.

VOTERS MEETING TODAY Please join us at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary for the Voters Assembly today.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS Please check your church mailbox in the basement and pick up your contribution statement for 2018.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM Thank you to these generous donors who have adopted our salad bar:

Salad Bar Sponsor	Week of
Caleb & Mary Schultz	Jan. 7
Doug & Julie Begick	Jan. 14
Box Tops	Jan. 22
Virginia Hutter	Jan. 28

Thank you to others who are supporting our Hot Lunch Program in other ways! If you are interested in helping, please look for the box in the back of church and fill out a support form. There are also pamphlets describing the Adopt-a-Salad-Bar program.

LIFESAVER DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY We are calling special attention to the Sanctity of Human Life. With this in mind, our church is participating in a lifesaver drive for Saginaw County Right to Life on Sunday, January 20, after both services. Volunteers will be asking that you "Be a Lifesaver" and donate any amount. In return, you will receive lifesaver candies.

COME FOR BREAKFAST! Help us celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week at our Pancake Breakfast on Thursday, January 31. All congregation members are invited as a thank you for supporting St. Paul Lutheran School. Join us between 7-8 a.m. in the school auditorium for pancakes, sausage, bacon, & juice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

Congratulations to the following students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for the month of December: Charles Begick, Max Behmlander, Caroline Douponce, Isaac Hendrick, Ava Garrett, Rylie Garrett, Brooklynn Garrett, Brynlee Kolberg, Landon LaForest, Abigail Matyas, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Alex Schlicker, Espen Schlicker, Lukas Schlicker, Cadence Swartz, Hayden Swartz, Ainsley Wiess, Owen Wiess, Ella Wills, Dolan Wills, Chase Wyman, Deanna Zeilinger, Maura Zeilinger

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

Door Prizes and Yummies- Best Recipe Awards!

Bring Hungry Tummies - You Won't Be Bored!

Not just bragging rights! We'll be giving out awards for the "Tastiest" and "Most Unique" recipes! Door prizes include a .22 rifle, and auction items of a variety of goods and services will go to the highest bidder. 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. To donate items for auction or Door Prizes, contact David Schultz.

STEWARDSHIP Luke 3:21 – "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened ..." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.
STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN Reaching into 67 foreign countries with the message of Christ to accompany humanitarian aid and mercy care, Orphan Grain Train for 27 years has responded to human need with the love of Jesus. Orphan Grain Train distributes food, clothing, medical supplies, Christian literature, school materials, tools, personal transport devices for the disabled, and more. Orphan Grain Train also responds immediately with domestic disaster relief when hurricanes, fires, or drought place American lives and livelihoods in jeopardy. The very first Orphan Grain Train branch in the state of Michigan has just been established in Sebawaing. A new Michigan branch warehouse facility has been acquired. The Center is currently preparing to launch regular operations with regular notices of its work to be shared with the church. For more information about Orphan Grain Train, visit

www.ogt.org/ or contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264.

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.

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 Güldne 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!

Sun., January 20, Movie Matinee – Grace, Auburn 3:00 p.m. (303 Ruth St.) The movie that will be shown is "Same Kind of Different as Me." This movie is based on a true life story and it depicts what challenges dedication to a charitable cause can all involve. Heartache, suffering, fear and anger all play a role in this serious mission work. Refreshments and popcorn will be served; child care will be offered. Please join us, you will not want to miss this.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1–7 (ESV)

¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1–11 (ESV)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”