



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2019

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PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

HOMEBOUND

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

SPECIAL

Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Mike Ruegsegger (Denise's father-in-law)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Samuel & Angela Anderson	Susan & Mike Lewis & Emily EauClaire
Vaughn & Marjorie Begick	Ramon & Debra Garcia
Elke, Ken, & Jessica Burzynski	Jeffery Olson
Dale, Lynn, Adam, Matthew, & Leah Jezowski	Ricky, Debra, & Hope Schmidt
	Brenda Weiss

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	1/27	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion - 1-8 th Grade Choirs Sing
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship - PS-8 th Grade Choirs Sing
		12:00 p.m. Wild Game Dinner & Silent Auction
<u>TUESDAY</u>	1/29	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m. Church Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	1/31	7-8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at School
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	2/3	8:00 a.m. Worship
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 300 (184, 116)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jan. 27 – Luke 20	Jan. 28 – Luke 21
Jan. 29 – Luke 22	Jan. 30 – Luke 23
Jan. 31 – Luke 24	
Feb. 1 – Ps. 13-15	Feb. 2 – Proverbs 3

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

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG Baby bottles are available to fill with donations for Beacon of Hope, our local pregnancy resource center. Please consider supporting this local ministry by picking up a bottle and returning it filled with your coins, bills, or checks.

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.

WELLSPRING LUTHERAN HOME AUXILIARY The quarterly meeting of Wellspring Lutheran Home Auxiliary is Monday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of Wellspring Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth. Speakers will be: Stacy Crites, occupational therapist, speaking on fall prevention and Shane Sanders, nursing staff speaking on influenza prevention. Lunch will be served following the meeting at a cost of \$6. Please call Lu Britton (798-3156) if you are interested in attending and a ride.

WILD GAME DINNER & SILENT AUCTION - TODAY!

*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.

LADIES AID February 4, 2019 - 7 p.m. Come join us for a night of Bible study with Pastor Matyas. All ladies are invited. March will be our Shower night. Watch for invite and details in your church mailbox.

WELLSPRING AUXILIARY MEETING The next Wellspring Lutheran Services meeting will be on Monday, February 18, at Zion Lutheran, Bay City, in the Church Ministry Room. Refreshments served at 7 p.m.; devotions and meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. Our program will be a Bottle Auction Fundraiser - Bring a gift between \$5-10 in a container such as a Mason jar and wrap. This could be a bottle of wine or oil, or a towel, candy, ornament, etc. Use your imagination! All ladies of the church are invited to the Bottle Auction Fundraiser. It is such fun for a great cause!

TASTE OF THE SEM IN ST. LOUIS Young men in high school are invited to "Taste of the Sem" held February 16-18, 2019, at Concordia Seminary,

St. Louis. Please share this information with young men you would like to encourage to consider becoming pastors. Here's the link to the event information and registration form:
<https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/taste-of-the-sem/> Contact Pastor Matyas if you know of someone interested in attending this event.

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.

STEWARDSHIP 1 Cor. 12:16 -- "And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body." The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, His body. You and I are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.
STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

WWW.OGT.ORG – ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN A freshly reconstructed website of Orphan Grain Train went online just this past Wednesday. Please take a moment and visit www.ogt.org. Last year Orphan Grain Train shipped more than 4.6 million meals in addition to clothing, blankets, household items, and medical and hospital equipment to people in 68 different countries including the USA. The newest humanitarian initiative in this Christian volunteer network affiliated with our Lutheran church is right here near us. The first ever Michigan Branch of Orphan Grain Train is now centered in Sebewaing, Michigan. Learn more at www.ogt.org. You may also contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan branch manager, Pastor David Reed at 989-600-2264.

VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is looking for a head JV baseball coach and head golf coach for the spring athletic season. If you are interested and would like to discuss one of the positions further, please contact Eric Smith by phone (790-1676) or email: esmith@vlhs.com. The season runs from March 11 through the first week of June. Thank you for your consideration.

AREA EVENTS

Fri., February 1, God, Grub, & Games – Grace, Auburn 6:00 p.m. (303 Ruth St.) Come join us at Grace Lutheran in Auburn for an evening of Christian fellowship. It begins at 6:00 pm with a light meal, followed by devotions at 6:30 and games at 6:45. The meal that evening will be sloppy joes. Board games for all ages are available. Contact Nathan Beethe (989)460-8014 if you have questions.

Sunday, February 10, Swiss Steak Dinner – Trinity-St. James, Munger 11:30-2 p.m. (119 E. Munger Rd.) Freewill donation of \$10 for adults, \$7 for children (6-12), & free for age 5 or younger. Takeout dinners will be available, along with a country store and bake sale.

Sun., February 17, Valentine's Chicken BBQ – St. John, Amelith 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (1664 Amelith Rd.) Famous Amelith BBQ chicken dinners, cooked to perfection by the St. John Amelith Athletic Club, with baked potato, veggies, bread, dessert and beverage will be \$10 for ½ chicken and \$8 for ¼ chicken. Take-outs available at 10:30 a.m. LWML is also hosting a bake sale. For questions, please contact Tony Johnson at 684-3037.

Sat., February 23, VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction – Apple Mountain Conference Center Save the Date!! Our theme is "Fabulous Fifties" Your support has impacted Valley Lutheran with improvements in programs, equipment, transportation, physical school improvements, and most importantly STUDENT AID. Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help again - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, gift cards, etc.). There are also opportunities to participate by way of prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending the auction. Click on our auction link www.vlhsauction.com for more information and check out our often-updated list of items. Watch your bulletin and/or church message board for registration brochures. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 bkaul@vlhs.com or Karrie Gatzka 989-415-6776 Karriekookies@aol.com.

Sun., February 24, Benefit for Allie Keenan – St. John, Amelith 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (1664 Amelith Rd.) Melting Medical Bills is a fundraising event to support Allie Keenan and her family with rising medical costs. A soup and sandwich bar will be offered along with a Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and Small-Item Ticket Auction. Please contact Mary Smith at msmith@amelith.org or Sandy Soule at ssoule73@yahoo.com for questions or to offer help.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (ESV)

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater

modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16–30 (ESV)

¹⁶ [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.