



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 3, 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	

**BEREAVED**

(family & friends of)

Merlin Neumeyer (Donna Schmidt's brother)

**SPECIAL**

Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)

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

**THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS**

Jacob & Emily Willson	Matthew, Allison, Jacob, & Natalie List
Christine Busch & Kayden Robar	Adam, Michelle, & Chelsea Oswald
Vera Begick	Rose Anne Schmidt
Perry, Ava, & Perry III Garrett	Melvin & Peggy Weiss
Diane, Gordon, Scott, & Todd Johnstone	

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	2/3	8:00 a.m. Worship
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	2/4	7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	2/5	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m. Church Choir
		7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	2/7	7-8 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
		6:00 p.m. Board of Ed
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>	2/10	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
		9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship

**NOTES AND NEWS**

**ATTENDANCE** Last Sunday – 444 (237, 207)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Feb. 3 – Acts 1	Feb. 4 – Acts 2
Feb. 5 – Acts 3	Feb. 6 – Acts 4
Feb. 7 – Acts 5	
Feb. 8 – Ps. 16-17	Feb. 9 – Acts 6

**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.

**RESCHEDULED: PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The cold temperatures kept us from celebrating last week, so our National Lutheran Schools Week Pancake Breakfast is now on Thursday, February 7. All congregation members are invited as a thank you for supporting our school. Join us between 7-8 a.m. in the school auditorium for pancakes, sausage, bacon, & juice.

**LECTURE ON AUTISM BY DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN** On Thursday, February 14, the President's Speaker Series at Delta College will present two lectures by renowned author Dr. Temple Grandin. The two lectures are free and open to the public. The first lecture is scheduled for 10 a.m. and will be held in the Pioneer Gym, and the second lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Lecture Theater Hall (G160). Dr. Grandin is an American professor of animal science at Colorado State University and a consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior, welfare and handling equipment design, as well as a distinguished author and speaker on autism.

**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!

**LWML PRAYER BRUNCH** with Communion Service sponsored by the LWML Bay Area Zone, with more than 75 years of yearly Saturday breakfasts with sisters in Christ, this year's theme is "Secure in Jesus, My Rock and Fortress."

**When:** Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-Registration

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Pinconning

\$5.00 donation for breakfast, and a Mite Offering will be received.

RSVP to Dorothy Kridler = 989-879-2126 OR Dorothy Helmreich = 989-213-1515 by February 18, 2019

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP** 2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. We can give without LOVING, but we cannot LOVE without GIVING.  
STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

**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**

**Mon., February 4, Yarn Lovers Ministry – St. Mark, Shields** 6:30 p.m. (2565 N. Miller Rd., Saginaw) Do you crochet or knit? Then pull out your needles and hooks! If you know how to "spin the yarn" in either technique, bring your project and come join us. All skill levels are invited. If you have always wanted to learn to crochet or knit let us know and we will be happy to help you achieve that goal. We will be meeting monthly on the first Monday. Questions: Tina: 996-0199 or Karin: 928-7548.

**Sun., February 10, German Heritage Service – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth** 11 a.m. (1030 Tuscola Rd.) The K-6th grade students and the Jr. High Wind Ensemble from St. Lorenz School will participate in the annual German 'Heritage Sunday' Service. The service uses a traditional German Service liturgy with an English sermon entitled "His Story" by Pastor Brandt. English translations will be included throughout the program. The students will read the scripture lessons in both German and English, lead the Lord's Prayer and sing "Gott ist die Lieb" and "Stille Nacht." They will also recite this year's bible verse; "Er hat alles schön gemacht zu seiner Zeit." (He has made everything beautiful in its time.) In addition, the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns "Where the Swallow Makes Her Nest" and "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me." Everyone is welcome to attend and participate as we worship our Lord and Savior and remember and celebrate our German Heritage.

**Sun., 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](http://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](mailto:bkaul@vlhs.com) or Karrie Gatz 989-415-6776 [Karriekookies@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:msmith@amelith.org) or Sandy Soule at [ssoule73@yahoo.com](mailto:ssoule73@yahoo.com) for questions or to offer help.

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### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth';  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the LORD."

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 (ESV)

I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

<sup>31</sup> [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup> and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup> And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup> "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." <sup>35</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup> And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" <sup>37</sup> And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

<sup>38</sup> And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

<sup>40</sup> Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup> And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup> And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup> but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." <sup>44</sup> And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.