



15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School
6100 Westside Saginaw Road
Bay City, MI 48706
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.

LITURGY

8:00 a.m. - Matins

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

HYMNS

8:00 a.m. - 584, 666, 941, 578

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Gene & Viola Behmlander's 65th wedding anniversary on September 5

READERS

8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker

10:30 a.m. - Gene Behmlander

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. - Jacey Jones

10:30 a.m. - Outdoor Service

GREETERS

8:00 a.m. - Jean & Mary Lou
Appold, Anthony &
Kathie Colone

10:30 a.m. - Steve & Debra
Neuman, Loraine
Diment, Paul Begick

USHERS

8:00 a.m. - Group 2 –
Randy Appold,
Weston Appold,
Greg Behmlander,
Matt Appold, Daryl
Appold, Rylan
Appold

10:30 a.m. - Group 5 –
Bob Campbell,
Terry Burkhard,
Richard Doan

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

SICK/INJURED

Angela Weber

HOMEBOUND

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

BEREAVED

(family & friends of)

Mark Durant (family of Ardie Reuther)

SPECIAL

Mary Kochalka (cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Peter Auernhammer	Brayden & Laney Kukla
William, Karli, Chessa, & Hogan Bourdow	Margaret Meyer
Loretta Eickmeyer	Lynn & Ron Reuther, Jr.
Howard & Dorothy Helmreich	David, Sheryl, Parker, & Heather Wood

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY

9/2

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with
Communion - Outdoor Service,
weather permitting

MONDAY

9/3

Labor Day - No School
Office Closed

TUESDAY

9/4

Preschool Full Day Schedule Begins
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Church Choir
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

THURSDAY

9/6

6:30 p.m. Board of Education

SATURDAY

9/8

9:00 p.m. JME Memorial Walk/Run

NEXT SUNDAY

9/9

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship - Rededication of
teachers - 1st-8th Grade Choirs Sing
11:30 a.m. Back-to-School Picnic
4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101
5:30 p.m. Visual Faith Lettering Workshop

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 322 (182, 140)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sept. 2 – *Romans 12* Sept. 3 – *Romans 13*
Sept. 4 – *Romans 14* Sept. 5 – *Romans 15* Sept. 6 – *Romans 16*
Sept. 7 – *Psalms 97-98* Sept. 8 – *Proverbs 21*

7TH ANNUAL JME MEMORIAL RUN/WALK Please join us for a morning of exercise, fellowship, and remembrance: Our annual JME Memorial Run/Walk will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018. Students, ages 10 and under, can participate in the ¼ mile run at 9 a.m. and will receive a medal for participation. The 1 mile and 2 mile run/walk will begin at 9:15. All races will begin on Ziegler Rd (just next to the Church). The deadline to get a shirt has passed, but everyone is still welcome to register and participate. Thank you for your continued support of this event. We hope to see you on Sept. 8th!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9 A new Sunday School year begins Sunday, September 9, 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. All children, preschool through 8th grade, are welcome and encouraged to come. Registration and orientation will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the gym on opening day. God has richly blessed our program with new and returning teachers who will be ready share the love of God through lessons and activities each week. Please join us for Sunday School and grow in God's love. We are still in need of one teacher to share teaching responsibilities for the 3rd-5th grade class. Please contact Vicki Begick (989-525-3733) or Lynn Hendrick (989-450-1969) if you can help.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE Tuesday choir nights will begin again on September 4. Bell choir will practice at 6 p.m. in the church balcony, and church choir will rehearse at 7 p.m. in the front of the sanctuary.

A LETTER FROM THE NEUENDORFS Look for monthly newsletters in the narthex from missionaries James & Christel Neuendorf. They also sent us a cross with the following letter: Dear St. Paul, Thank you so much for your continued prayers and continued support! What an incredible blessing! It's been such a joy to visit you all and share about what God is doing in Latin America. This cross was made by a member of the church in Santiago. God's blessings to you all! Love, James & Christel

LADIES AID We would like to invite all ladies of the congregation to join us. We start our monthly meetings September 10th at 7:00 p.m. After the business meeting, we will be making tray favors for Covenant Hospital. October's meeting is Monday, October 1st; Valerie Matyas will present information about LWML.

FORE!! Heads up, it's time to start thinking about the annual VLHS Golf Outing on September 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Apple Mountain in Freeland! Join members of the Valley Family for a great day of fellowship, fun, and of course golf! This year, golfers get at reduced rate of \$85 with all the same great benefits, including: 18 holes of golf w/ cart, continental breakfast, and a buffet lunch – plus you support a great school! We hope you'll join this fun event and help raise valuable scholarship funds making Valley Lutheran High School accessible for students who otherwise might not be able to attend. Call the school office at 989-790-1676 to register or for more information. Sponsorship opportunities still available, also!

BLOOD DONORS - SAVE THE DATE! Our blood drive here at St. Paul will be Thursday, October 11. Please save the date so you'll be able to donate on that day. Thanks!

DO YOU REALLY NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES? As we order new giving envelopes for 2019 (which are surprisingly expensive), please consider electronic giving for your tithes and offerings. Contact the office to opt out of envelopes. You would still receive a yearly statement of contributions.

19TH ANNUAL HOSPICE GARAGE SALE Wellspring Lutheran Services is now accepting donations of gently used items for their annual garage sale fundraiser. The fundraiser will help support services that we provide to hospice patients and their families through our volunteer program. Items will be accepted through September 4th. Please contact Sheila at 989.652.4663 for more information. Donations can be dropped off at our office in Frankenmuth or we may be able to pick up small items. Tax receipts are available.

JOB OPENING Bethlehem Lutheran School is looking for an Extended Day Teacher for 10-15 hours a week. Hours are 3:00-5:45 pm Monday-Friday depending on student count. Must pass a State of Michigan Background Check. Will work with students grades K-8. If interested, please contact Dr. Nicole Frederick at nfrederick@bethlehemsaginaw.org or 989-755-1144 ext 212.



LUTHERANISM 101

**CLASSES FOR NEW
MEMBERS & ANYONE
INTERESTED**

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

LED BY PASTOR MATYAS

4 PM - 5 PM

SEPT 9, 16, 23, 30, OCT 14, 21



LifeLight

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY FAQ

WHAT IS LIFELIGHT?

LifeLight is an in-depth Bible Study published by Concordia Publishing House. It is designed for congregations to study together in large and small groups.

WHO IS INVITED?

Anyone interested in the Bible and Christian doctrine is welcome, but typically post-high school ages attend. The studies are geared towards those who already have a confirmation-level understanding of Scripture. No pressure, no tests, no judgments.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Each study is 9 weeks long (the schedule is publicized). Think of it like a bowling/golf league: you can attend what you wish, but for the most personal benefit you should make it a priority.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We will gather at 6 PM at the school for 5-10 minutes of worship. For the next hour, you will split up into smaller groups for discussion. At the end, we will gather together again for a 20-30 minute summary lecture. We will end no later than 8 PM.

IS THERE A COST?

\$15 covers the cost of the book and provides a slush fund for sundries.

IS THERE CHILDCARE?

Yes. High school youth members will be paid to provide childcare on site.

CAN I JUST SHOW UP OR DO I HAVE TO REGISTER?

Because there are workbooks involved, we need a count to order them in advance. Please register by September 9 (payment can be made when you receive your workbook).

**WEDNESDAYS: SEPT 19, 26; OCT 3, 10, 17, 24; NOV 7, 14, 28
6-8 PM AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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Visual Faith Lettering Workshop

With Visual Faith Coach Ann Gillaspie

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

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 Sept. 3,
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.

"I write these things to you...
that you may know that you
have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

AREA EVENTS

Sat., September 8, Armand's Hope Cornhole Tournament - St. John,

Amelith 1 p.m. (1665 Amelith Rd.) Proceeds will benefit Armand Hayes who suffers from GM1 Gangliosides. Early entry for cornhole is \$40/team; \$60 to enter the day of the tournament. Fun for the whole family (\$5/kid or \$20 for family of 4+) includes the following: ring toss, football toss, face painting, bowling, yardzee, 50/50 raffle, and concessions. Please call or text Tara Sutton (989-714-8874) to enter the tournament.

Sun., September 9, Financial Peace University - St. Mark, Shields Are you living paycheck to paycheck? Want to learn a new way of living? It's time to stop being normal. Let's be WEIRD together!! The next Financial Peace University class at St. Mark Lutheran Church on the corner of River & Miller starts this fall on September 9th. We will be meeting every Sunday at 6 p.m. until November 4th. Contact Karin Tessin at karintessin@gmail.com for any questions and/or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1066494>.

Sun., October 7, Smorgasbord Dinner & Country Store - Zion, Beaver

11 a.m.-2 p.m. (corner of Eleven Mile and Seidlers in Auburn) The old-fashioned country meal includes pork sausage, chicken, sauerkraut, dressing, German potato salad, real mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, squash, salads, and pies. Suggested donation is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and children 4 and under eat free. The Country Store (opens at 10 a.m.) will feature Christmas items, sweethearts, plants, home-grown produce, candy, baked goods, and hand-crafted items.

Sun., October 14, Ox Roast Dinner - St. John, AuGres 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (206 N. Court St.) A hearty meal of roast beef potatoes, gravy, squash, coleslaw, and homemade desserts will be served. The dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 eat free. Take-out dinners are also available.

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (ESV)

¹ "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹ "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23 (ESV)

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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