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THE ST. GEORGE GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of St. George Lutheran Church

PASTOR KEN STAIB

Dear friends in Christ,

First, I want to thank everyone who participated in our “Unifying Worship Service” on September 28. It is always a joy to see people participate in worship leadership, and this special service was no exception.

Something else for which I am grateful in the past month is the opportunity to restart our weekly Bible study. No matter where I’m serving, I have always appreciated the opportunity to gather together to study God’s Word. For me, Bible study is not about finding the right answers about a particular passage or topic. It is more about digging into God’s Word together, listening to what God might be saying to us, either as individuals or as a church. The remarkable thing is that within any given group, there may be a variety of perspectives, some of which we may find challenging. This is a beautiful thing!

We live in a world that tends to value easy answers and either/or thinking. Which can sometimes make it difficult to study the Bible. I’ve ended many Bible studies saying, “No answers, just more questions.” However, when we spend time wrestling with our questions, we may also find that we are drawn closer to God.

At the end of the gospel of Matthew, Jesus meets his disciples on a mountain to commission them. There is a curious detail in this passage: “When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.” (Matthew 28:17) There is room for doubts and questions in our faith. I believe God can handle them.

But then as Jesus sends his disciples out to baptize, teach, and make disciples, he assures them of this promise: “I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) Whether you study the Bible individually or in a group, I hope that you will allow yourself to ask questions and even to be challenged. But most of all, I hope that you will find assurance of God’s unconditional love for you and for all of God’s creation.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Ken Staib

Pastor Ken’s office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm or by appointment. Friday is his day off, but he will respond to emergencies. Office hours are subject to change. You may contact him by cell phone at (810) 892-3043 or email at pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com.

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10/19 Robert Durand
10/19 Debra Martin
10/21 Bryan Rush
10/29 Joanne Bellmard
10/29 Linda Carey

10/06 Shirley and Bob Knight
10/10 Mary and Greg Stamm

October 19th at
10 AM WE'LL
CELEBRATE
ALL OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS!



 **ST. GEORGE**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for trunk or treating, bounce houses,
free hot drinks, free food, a campfire
(weather permitting), and more!

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

Saturday, October 11th
from 4-5pm
803 W Main Street
Brighton, MI 48116



HAPPY FALL!

Don't see your
birthday/anniversary on the list?
Email the office with your
special dates so we can celebrate
YOU!



Youth Ministries

FREE! GYMNASTICS OPEN PLAY

Children are invited to explore gymnastics equipment, practice skills, and socialize.

Feel free to bring snacks and relax in our spacious fellowship area! Settle in and connect with friends while cheering on your little gymnast.

Free of charge,
no registration required!

**Every Wednesday 10:45-11:30am
October 8 - December 10, 2025**



MUSIK GARTEN®

FREE! EARLY-CHILDHOOD
MUSIC CLASS

**WEDNESDAYS 10-10:30AM
OCTOBER 8 - DECEMBER 10, 2025
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

Join us for free family fun as we sing songs, play instruments, and learn together in a faith-based environment!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for
children aged Pre-K - 6th
Grade begin Sunday,
September 14th!
Classes run every Sunday
from 10:00-11:00am
during the school year.



ST. GEORGE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
803 W Main St. Brighton, MI 48116



FREE YOGA CLASS

Parent-Child Yoga Class

♥ Breathe, Bond, & Bend — Together! ♥

Every Friday morning at 9:00-9:30am,
from October 10 - December 12

Join us for a joyful yoga class designed
for parents and their little ones! Through
playful poses, stretches, and calming
breathwork, you'll connect with your
child in a meaningful and mindful way.

-All ages welcome!
-Mats provided!
-Free of charge,
no registration required!



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St. George Book Discussion Group

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******Change in meeting time******

Our book club will be meeting at **11:00 am** on the following Thursdays:

October 16 - When We Meet Again, by Kristin Harmel

November 20 - The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern, by Lynda Cohen Loigman

December 18 - Time of the Child, by Niall Williams

We will either meet in the Church basement after Bible Study or walk over to the Parish House - TBD.

Jennifer Knaus (jennifer81365@yahoo.com)



Christmas-at-Sea

Our ELCA port mission serves seafarers from around the world when they are at ports on the Eastern seaboard, and Houston, offering them chaplain services as well as various kinds of help with medical appointments, shopping, phone cards, etc. These men have often been working under difficult shipboard conditions away from home for many months, and they are very appreciative. Please include them in your Christmas shopping!

The satchels that we assemble and send out right after Thanksgiving each include the following items:

One sweatshirt (size M-L-XL)

1 T-shirt (size M-L-XL)

3 pairs of socks (thermal or gym)

A large chocolate bar, a can of nuts, or Health Snack bar

A Christmas card from you

A knitted hat and scarf set (these have been created by Needleworks)

There will be a collection area in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Please leave them in their store packaging.

Sunday, November 23 will be the last day for collection!

The kindness and generosity of St. George Lutherans can make difference in the lives of these often overworked and lonely workers. Please share the love and warmth of Christmas with them.





Needleworks News October 2025

Needleworks

September donations: 23 blankets to Providence Park Hospital

Christmas at Sea: Our St. George 2025 participation in this ELCA mission is now underway! Our congregation's generosity in 2024 was wonderful, and this year should be even better! The donation collection station is set up in the

Fellowship Hall, the empty satchels have been shipped to us, and I'll be looking for volunteers to help with assembly right after Thanksgiving.

Needleworkers' needles and hooks are very busy creating the hat & scarf/cowl sets that are included in each satchel.

We are greatly blessed in our ability to bring warmth and comfort to hardworking Seafarers who are often away from home for months under arduous and dangerous conditions.

Next meetings: 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Fellowship Hall at 10:00

October 3 and 17

November 7 and 21

December 5 and 19

January 2 and 16

February 6 and 20

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.”

Isaiah 40:1

May the Lord bless and keep you,
Linda Garr



October Newsletter Article
President, St. George Council
Lorna Durand

I would like to thank everyone who helped plan and celebrate our 180th Anniversary this year. The culminating activity on Sunday, September 28th, was indeed reflective of the love and commitment to the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and to our church and the congregation.

I continue to look forward to our Sunday services as well as the various activities that occur monthly. I am especially looking forward to the growth of our church and new congregational members. It continues to be important to encourage and welcome community members into our church. It has been very enjoyable for me to meet our visitors and their families.

The month of October will bring a variety of adult and youth activities. I hope that our members will look at the calendar and consider joining one or multiple activities. Even if you haven't attended a specific activity in the past, it might be a refreshing opportunity to join.

And as I have stated in previous months, should anyone like to attend a Council meeting, please let myself or Pastor Ken know. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Parish House. The Council is working hard and we are looking forward to the continued attainment of our goals.

Please note: on December 7, we will be holding our Annual Meeting. During the meeting, we will be voting on 4 Council positions. More information will be forthcoming.

May you have a safe and peaceful month of October.

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for quick updates on all upcoming
events.

SUNDAY SERVICES
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9:00

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00

BOTH SERVICES ALSO ONLINE

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www.stgeorgelutheran.org