



MAY 2025

# THE ST. GEORGE GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of St. George Lutheran Church

## PASTOR KEN STAIB

Dear friends in Christ,

It has been a busy time for us as a congregation – moving through the season of Lent, then Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship service. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with worship and activities over these past couple of months.

Sometimes after a busy time or a significant event, we might find ourselves asking, “Now what?” We wonder where to put our time and energy now that the big event or busy season has come to an end. Hopefully the first thing we might do would be to pause and rest. But we are also human beings, and often we want to know what the next important thing is.

As we move through the Easter season, I wonder if we might ask that question as a congregation: Now what? We are celebrating 180 years of ministry in the Brighton community, and we have started this celebration in the midst of the Easter season. But what does that all mean for us?

The history of our congregation is important, and I am grateful for the chance to remember where we have been and what God has done through us. But our history is not the only thing that defines who we are today. In fact, it’s not even the most important. The main thing that defines us as a congregation is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are first and foremost Easter people. We are first and foremost people who are sent out to share the good news of Jesus’ love for us. But we get to do this as part of a congregation, in our case, St. George Lutheran Church of Brighton.

So now what? What does it mean to be Easter people who are part of St. George Lutheran Church, now and in the future? It’s a question I will be preaching about through Pentecost, and a question I hope we will all prayerfully consider.

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](mailto:pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com).

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

05/03 Dorothy Woodman  
05/04 Kathy Bugaski; Megan  
Parmenter  
05/10 Roman Gibbs  
05/15 Jim Tavarozzi  
05/18 Kathy Schram  
05/21 Lisabeth Rembert  
05/22 Mason Staib

May 18th at  
10 AM WE'LL  
CELEBRATE  
ALL MAY  
BIRTHDAYS!

05/28 Kathy & Jim Bugaski  
05/29 Kathy & Bob Schram

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





## Youth Ministries



### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 11th from 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us for a free breakfast filled with hot and cold food items and an assortment of refreshments.

Let's celebrate the women in our lives!



### EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES SUMMER BREAK

Our free Musikgarten and gymnastics classes are on a break for the summer.

Check back in the fall for an updated schedule!

### SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Follow our Facebook page at:

St. George Lutheran Church - Brighton, Michigan

for quick updates on all upcoming summer events!

BLESSINGS,  
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# St. George Book Discussion Group

Do you like to read and are looking for a casual book club?  
We have a Book Discussion Group right here at St. George!

We meet in the Parish House on the 3rd Thursday of each month  
at 3:00. We meet year-round.

We read Top Selling Books and recommendations from each other.  
In 2024, some of the books we read were: *The Women, We Were the  
Lucky Ones*, *West With Giraffes*, *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*,  
and others. One book per month.  
We have a wonderful group - we discuss the books, we talk, we laugh, and  
we eat! Feel free to join us any time.

## **MAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

The Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, May 15, at 3:00 in the  
Parish House to discuss the book, *The Secret Life of Sunflowers*,  
by Marta Molnar. Based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, sister-in-law  
to Vincent Van Gogh. It is a story of self-discovery that shows the strength  
of women and the ability to continue on with life during challenging times.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jennifer Knaus,  
[jennifer81365@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer81365@yahoo.com).





## 180th Anniversary Announcement

To ALL that participated in our  
180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.....  
our 180<sup>th</sup> Birthday.....

I want to express my deepest thanks to all of you that  
were a part of our Historic 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration this past Wednesday, April 23. You are an  
integral part of the fabric of St George Lutheran Church.

Our journey began over a year ago, with so many of you  
pitching in to make it happen. And, brothers and sisters  
in Christ, it is just the beginning. Our culminating event  
will be happening in September of this year.

Simply THANK-YOU for your commitment to giving God  
the GLORY in your ministry at St George Lutheran  
Church!!!

Kevin Keller



## Needleworks

### **Needleworks News May 2025**

**April donations:** 12 blankets to Providence Park Hospital

**Next meetings:** 1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

May 2 and 16

June 6 and 20

July 5 (Saturday) and 18

August 1 and 15

**Pope Francis:** “ A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”



# Council President's Corner

St. George Lutheran Church  
May 2025  
Lorna Durand

The month of April was certainly an active month for our Church Council and congregation. First, and foremost, was Easter and the services and celebrations that recognize the death and rising of Jesus. At each service that leads up to Easter Sunday, I find myself reflecting on the meaning of this season and the impact that God and his son, Jesus, have on me. I am thankful for the learning, the people, and the church community which have helped me to understand the meaning of Easter and the significance it has on my life and family.

The second impactful event in April was our 180 th Anniversary celebration of St. George Lutheran Church. I would like to recognize Kevin Keller and the 180 th Anniversary Committee that spent time and used their talents to make April 23 rd so meaningful. I am also looking forward to additional activities and events as we continue to celebrate our church and its history and commitment to our Lutheran beliefs, to our church community, and to our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Our Church Council is in the process of developing goals for 2025. Each member is developing and presenting goals for the committees and work for which they are associated. We will be sharing the goals as they are finalized and as we progress throughout the year.

Today, Sunday, April 27 th , as I write this article, I want to also reflect on what I heard today during the services. "Now What?" was a question that was asked. I sat back and began to reflect upon that question. It also moved me to think that it was a question that fit with the development of our goals for St. George and for life in general. It is a question that I want to give more time to address. I think of my family – husband, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, siblings and other relatives. While Bob and I are both retired from our careers, we still have time to donate to others. Service to others is important to consider. I look forward to opportunities that will present themselves. While we may not be able to participate in each opportunity, it is important to consider the serving in which we will be involved.

May the month of May bring you much happiness and peace. And as Keith Boyes said in the services today, if you would like to join us at a Council meeting, the 4 th Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Parish House, please contact myself or Keith. In addition, you are always welcome to inquire about any committee work that we are doing and join a committee that fits your skills and time.

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SUNDAY SERVICES  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9:00

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00

BOTH SERVICES ALSO ONLINE

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