



FEBRUARY 2025

# THE ST. GEORGE GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of St. George Lutheran Church

## Faith

PASTOR KEN STAIB

Dear friends in Christ,  
Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended the past couple of weeks. I am excited to begin ministry with you. I look forward to what God is calling us to do together. As we begin our ministry together, I thought you should know a little bit about me. I am originally from rural northwest Ohio. I attended college at The Ohio State University, receiving a degree in Construction Systems Management. I worked as a construction estimator for seven years in the Toledo area, until God called me to go in a different direction. After discerning a call to ordained ministry, I attended Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, where I also met my future wife, Joyce. My first call was to two congregations in southern Illinois: Mt. Calvary Lutheran, De Soto and First Lutheran, Murphysboro. Joyce and I got married after her graduation from seminary. She was called to serve at a congregation in Southeast Michigan, which meant that I would be moving to Michigan. My next call was to St. Peter Lutheran in St. Clair, where I served for ten years. I am a father of three, one surviving. Our son Mason is four and is currently in preschool. Joyce is currently the pastor of Spirit of Grace Church in West Bloomfield. We also have a Springer Spaniel named Sketch. When not working, I enjoy spending time with my family. I also enjoy model railroading and playing the piano. We will be moving from Chesterfield to our new home in Howell during the first week of February. Once we get settled, I will have a more regular schedule. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me by cell phone at (810) 892-3043 or by email at [pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor.kenstaib@yahoo.com). Peace be with you,  
Pastor Ken Staib

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

02/02 Meredith Miller  
02/05 Philip Headley  
02/06 Julie Cozart  
02/13 Katherine Miller, Daniel  
Herbst  
02/14 Matt Evans  
02/16 Brian Abbey

02/16 Chris & John Coddington

February 16th at  
10 AM WE'LL  
CELEBRATE ALL  
FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS!

Council President's Report  
Lorna Durand

Welcome to February and welcome to Pastor Ken. It was wonderful that Pastor Ken Staib began with us on January 15. Personally, I have enjoyed the conversations, the sermons, and the interactions on Council with Pastor Ken. During this period of transition, we welcome all our congregants to get to know Pastor Ken and his family. This is a joyous time for our church as we move forward into 2025.

As a reminder, on February 15, Pastor Ken will be installed as the minister at St. George. The installation is at 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be served after the service.

As we move forward into 2025, Council is developing goals, which we will share with our congregation. We look forward to their development and accomplishment.

As I have indicated earlier, congregants are welcome to attend our Council meetings which are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Parish House. In addition, if you have some ideas or questions that you would like to share, please contact me or any other Council member.

Lorna Durand, President  
St. George Council

## Birthday Note

Belated Happy New Year! As you all know by now, the Fellowship Group acknowledges birthdays each month with an often unique and always tasty cake made by Renae Behr.

Barring any extra events, we typically hold this event on the 3rd Sunday of each month between the 9am and 11am services. We do like to recognize our members who have reached the awesome age of 90 or older with a card that has been signed by our friends/members. I would like to update the list I have so I am asking that if you have or know of someone who has reached 90 years of age or older, please catch up with me at the 9am service or let Morgan know in the office. We don't want to leave anyone out of this gathering.

Thank you! Michele  
Hirschman





# Youth Ministries



## FREE FOOD PANTRY

THE ST. GEORGE FREE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW OPEN!  
TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.  
THIS PANTRY IS IN OUR REAR VESTIBULE AND IS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR 24/7 ACCESS TO FREE FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS. WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF SHELF-STABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, BABY HYGIENE ITEMS, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES. DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED DIRECTLY IN THE PANTRY!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES SPRING SEMESTER

OUR FREE MUSIKGARTEN AND GYMNASTICS CLASSES BEGIN AGAIN THIS FEBRUARY! JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM FEBRUARY 19TH THROUGH APRIL 30TH FOR FREE FAMILY FUN!



**MUSIK  
GARTEN**  
FREE! EARLY-CHILDHOOD  
MUSIC CLASS

WEDNESDAYS 10-10:30AM  
FEBRUARY 19 - APRIL 30, 2025  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

## SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 9TH, OUR YOUTH WILL BE SUPPORTING THE SOUPERBOWL OF CARING'S MISSION TO "TACKLE HUNGER!" IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE BRING IN \$1 AND DROP IT IN A SOUP POT HELD BY ONE OF OUR YOUTH. ALL DONATIONS GO TO ELCA WORLD HUNGER.

## FEBRUARY COMMUNITY EVENT

FREE FAMILY EVENTS ARE RETURNING SOON! KEEP AN EYE OUT IN THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS, ON OUR WEBSITE, OR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPCOMING FAMILY FUN!



**ST. GEORGE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## FREE! GYMNASTICS OPEN PLAY

Children aged 1-6 are invited to explore gymnastics equipment, practice skills, and socialize.

Free of charge,  
no registration required!

Visit [stgeorgelutheran.org/youth](http://stgeorgelutheran.org/youth) for more information

Every Wednesday 10:45-11:30am  
February 19 - April 30, 2025



BLESSINGS,  
MORGAN GIBBS  
YOUTH DIRECTOR  
ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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STGBYOUTH@GMAIL.COM



Greetings!

Our word for this month is FOCUS. While I was in Florida I had the opportunity to worship at HOPE Lutheran, ELCA church at the Villages. They have three campuses at the Villages and have a membership of over 2,000 people. The Pastor that presided shared an valuable perspective of worship. He said that we should not FOCUS on the number of people in the seats at worship. We need to FOCUS on how each of us will be changed by today's worship experience.....how will today's worship change the way we, as Christians, will be impacted and transformed. I thought, WOW, what a powerful perspective on worship!

We are on the verge of a powerful time in the history of the worship experience at St George Lutheran Church!! Preparation for the 180th Anniversary Celebration is in its final stages and the pieces are in place to welcome the members of St George, the community, fellow Pastors, local dignitaries and business owners. Our FOCUS is primarily on how we have given our glory to God as Christians, here at St George Lutheran. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 at 7pm, St George Day, will be the 180th Anniversary Worship Celebration Service. Invite your family and friends to join us. ALL are welcome to join us!

How can you help us prepare for this celebration? At this point, we need Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, someone to process the Cross, Altar preparation and clean-up, four Communion Assistants, singers to lead the songs and Nursery assistance. Would you like to help us put the finishing touches on this memorable time? Please contact me, Kevin Keller, by phone or text at 248-933-3973, or at church.....I'll be there on February 9th. We need your input for this to happen so please consider pitching in to make this an even more celebrative event.

This event is only the first step in a six-month celebration. It is a kick-off to a historic journey that will help propel us to where the Lord will take us.

Join us! Be a part of history!

Blessings to all of you as we prepare for to FOCUS on worshipping our Lord, at the oldest Lutheran Church in Michigan, with other Christians, in fellowship with one another!

Kevin Keller

Worship and Music Chairperson  
Anniversary Celebration Coordinator



## 180th Anniversary Announcement

As we continue to prepare for our 180th anniversary, we need your help. Please email or send a note about your memories of St. George. Some possibilities include:

- The church picnic at Lime Lake
- St. George Preschool
- The Women's Circles
- Luther League
- Luther Vista
- Luther League Convention in Cornell, New York
- Sunday School
- Jr. and Sr. Choirs

If you didn't grow up in St. George, please tell us what the church and its people mean to your life today.

Send your messages as soon as possible or by Friday, February 28th to any of the following:

Nancy Prieskorn  
250 School St.  
Brighton, MI 48116  
[npriesko@netzero.net](mailto:npriesko@netzero.net)

Sharon Prieskorn  
[manapbnc@gmail.com](mailto:manapbnc@gmail.com)





Anniversary Luncheon: We had a grand time celebrating our 7 years together on Jan. 17 at Brighton Bar & Grill. We are thankful for the great blessing of being able to serve our community with the works of our hands.

January donations:

OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency): 23 hats, 1 scarf

LACASA: 11 blankets, 1 hat, 1 quilt, 1 fleece blanket

Providence Park Hospital: 16 blankets

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

Feb. 7 and 21

March 7 and 21

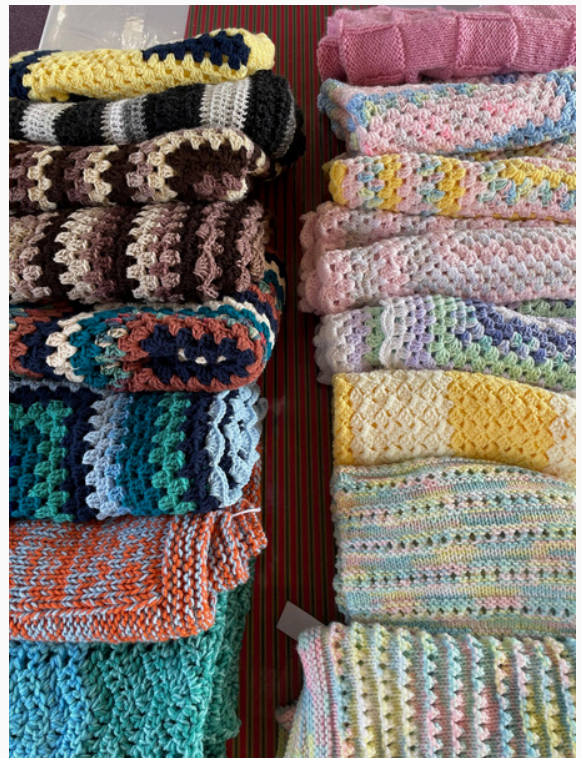
April 4 and 18

May 2 and 16

“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13: 34







# FEBRUARY 2025

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SUNDAY SERVICES  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9:00

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 11:00

BOTH SERVICES ALSO ONLINE

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[www.stgeorgelutheran.org](http://www.stgeorgelutheran.org)