



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

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6100 Westside Saginaw Road
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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.

<u>LITURGY</u>	8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 2 with Communion	10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 2 with Communion
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 673, 586, 728	10:30 a.m. - 673, 586, 434, 427, 708, 730, 728
<u>PRELUDE</u>	10:30 a.m. - Bell Choir: "How Firm a Foundation"	
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Ben Helmreich	10:30 a.m. - Brian Appold
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Deanna Zeilinger	10:30 a.m. - Riley Jimenez
<u>GREETERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Tom & Nancy Hoerauf, Lura Gehrman, Rita Tilley	10:30 a.m. - Marie Hendrick, Jean Begick, Jack & Kathy Lustila
<u>USHERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Group 3 – Herb Matthew, Bob Schlicker, Jason Schlicker, Art Zeilinger, Peter Auernhammer	10:30 a.m. - Group 6 – Brian Appold, Andy Weiss, Scott Weiss, Jeffrey Olson

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

HOMEBOUND

Dorine Auernhammer	Dorothy David	Irma McKenzie
Dolores Appold	Rick & Bonnie Emeott	Margaret Meyer
Gwen Bakus	Erv Hoerauf	Julie Roark
Ruth Behmlander	Jon Ittner	Rose Anne Schmidt
Armond Beiser	Lorna Ittner	Al Vogtmann
	Mike & Karen Kusch	Tim Wegener

SPECIAL

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)
Mike Ruegsegger (Denise's father-in-law)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

David & Sandra Appold	Kathleen Kernstock
Glenn, Kelly, Austin, & Colby Behmlander	Wendy, Bayley, & Morgan Pfau
Bradley, Sheri, Justin, & Jared Cliff	Eric & Brittny Schwab
Tessa Genovese	Andrew, Janelle, Owen, & Ainsley Wiess

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY

3/17

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101

TUESDAY

3/19

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Church Choir
7:00 p.m. Men's Club

WEDNESDAY

3/20

Science Fair at School

3:15 p.m. Lenten Service
4:00 p.m. Lenten Supper in the gym
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

THURSDAY

3/21

6:30 p.m. Friendship Circle

NEXT SUNDAY

3/24

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship - Preschool & Kindergarten Sing
4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 399 (130, 174); Wednesday – 193 (141, 52)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mar. 17 – 1 Tim. 6 Mar. 18 – Ps. 27-29
Mar. 19 – 2 Tim. 1 Mar. 20 – 2 Tim. 2 Mar. 21 – 2 Tim. 3
Mar. 22 – 2 Tim. 4 Mar. 23 – Ps. 30-31

ALTAR GUILD - CORRECTED DATE OF MEETING Members of Altar Guild are to meet at church on Monday, March 18 at 9 a.m. Bring your red folder on procedures to follow.

JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER Each Wednesday in Lent, the church sanctuary will be open at 2 p.m. You are welcome to come before the 3:15 service for a time of prayer, particularly for the Ministry Center.

LWML FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE We will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Come gather for an enjoyable evening with Visual Faith Leader Valerie Matyas; share your winter stories; and enjoy refreshments with your sisters-in-Christ. Bring your Mite Boxes!

TRIVIA NIGHT Get your team together! A night of trivia fun and laughs is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 6 PM.

How: Teams of 6; BYOB; decorate your team table by theme; register by email to Pastor (dwmatyas@gmail.com) by April 3.

How much: \$10/person or \$60/team

Where: Bob and Gail Schlicker's pole barn (Schlicker Shed; 5605 Three Mile Road; Bay City)

When: Saturday, April 6, 6 - 8 PM

Why: All proceeds go to the Ministry Center fund.

Prizes will be awarded to the best-themed table and the winners, plus the coveted St. Paul Trivia Trophy.

YOUR STORY WANTED! The Join the Journey campaign has appeared to reach a plateau, with over 120 families donating and pledging support for the Ministry Center. Many more seem to be ironically waiting in the wings for the project to start, when their support can actually speed up the process. No matter what, the Ministry Center will be built; your donations dictate the amount we will need to borrow from Church Extension Fund. Fundraising will continue until the debt is paid. With so many details to worry about, there is only so much the committee can do without wider congregational activity. To that end, individual members or groups of members are encouraged to think outside the box and implement their own church-wide fundraising opportunities. I'm looking at you, Joe Pewsitter. Tell me your idea and I'll do what I can to enable your effort. I'm also looking for any member of the church to write a brief note of encouragement to be posted in the newsletter. More specifically, a heart-felt story answering these prompts: 1) What does St. Paul mean

to you and why did you Join the Journey? 2) How can you encourage others to contribute?

Send your stories to me at any time. They will be edited for content and posted in the following newsletter.

God's peace as you share your story - Pastor Matyas

VALLEY ASSISTANCE FUND Thank you to those who have given to the VLHS assistance fund. Seven St. Paul students have met the 2018 requirements and will each receive \$800 for this school year. Donations to this fund are always welcome. Designated offering envelopes are available to pick up in the narthex.

LENTEN SEASON Come to our Wednesday midweek services during Lent at 3:15 and 6:30 p.m. Supper will also be served on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at school. All are welcome! A free-will donation will be taken at each supper to support the different groups hosting. Below is the updated schedule:

- March 20 – 7&8 Grade
- March 27 – Poland Mission
- April 3 – VBS/Youth Board
- April 10 – Alaska Mission

TRI-CITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service will be held on April 19, 2019 at the Horizon's Conference Center at 6200 State Street in Saginaw Township at 1 pm. The Reverend Dr. Michael Zeigler will be the guest speaker. He is with Lutheran Hour Ministries as the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour. In order to underwrite the cost of this service, we are seeking support from congregation members as we have done in the past. If you would like to donate, contact your congregation representative, Vaughn Begick, at 686-0578. Checks should be made out to "Good Friday Service." Thank you for any support you can give, and invite your relatives, friends and unchurched acquaintances to join us at the service. Pastor Matyas and David Schultz will be singing at the service.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY Join us Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. at Big Boy (Euclid Ave.) to study *The Practice of Godliness* by Jerry Bridges. Materials will be provided.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 13, 10:30 AM - 12 NOON Plans are underway for the St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help! Donations are needed for the following items:

- Candy (to fill plastic eggs)
- Prizes (stuffed animals, small toys, coloring books, etc.)
- Baked Goods & Treats (needed for event day)
- Monetary donations (needed for craft & game supplies)

Please drop off candy, prize and monetary donations at the office. If you have questions or are able to volunteer your time for the event, please contact Vicki Begick (525-3733) or Lynn Hendrick (450-1969).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS Mobile Meals of Bay County, a non-profit, volunteer-based home meals delivery service, is recruiting volunteers. The program provides hot and cold meals for the elderly, home-bound or people with special dietary needs throughout Bay County. The meals are prepared by the McLaren Dietary Department and volunteers are generally assigned one day a month working in pairs to deliver meals. The process takes about one and a half hours. For information, call Nancy Quinn (989-684-4386).

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated 2018 Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to provide grant funding to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

STEWARDSHIP Philippians 3:19 - "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously; not to spoil our fun but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things. Christ-centered stewardship is the by-product of a Christ-like attitude. STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE The Brenda & Keith Rowley Family Faith-Based Resident Camp Scholarship program provides partial scholarships to Bay County residents for overnight youth or family camps operated by faith-based organizations, such as Camp Lu Lay Lea. Applications are available online at ymcabaycity.org and in the narthex. Application deadline is April 26, 2019.

VALLEY LUTHERAN ENROLLMENT If you haven't already, now is a great time to enroll for fall 2019 at Valley Lutheran High School. Please contact the school office 989-790-1676 or visit the website to get the registration form www.vlhs.com and apply for financial aid. Class scheduling has started! To plan a visit, a shadow experience, or for more information contact Student Recruiter, Sondra Yantz syantz@vlhs.com

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8-15 (ESV)

⁸ When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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