



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 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.

LITURGY

Divine Service 2

HYMNS

571, 569, 686

ANTHEM

Church Choir: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Carolyn Van Cise who passed away
5 years ago

READERS

8:00 a.m. - Paul Begick

10:30 a.m. - Roy Schmidt

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. - Vanessa Burkhard

10:30 a.m. - Jake Appold

GREETERS

8:00 a.m. - Anthony & Kathie
Colone, Wayne &
Darlene Zeilinger

10:30 a.m. - Floyd & Julia
Appold, Marian &
Terry Kernstock

USHERS

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

RECORDS

Wyatt Arnold Brenay child of Matthew & Kayla (Vogtmann) Brenay, born September 23, 2018, will be baptized during today's 10:30 a.m. service. Witnesses are Isabella Brenay and Randy Faulkner.

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)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)
Gary Behmlander (hospitalized)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Dolores Appold	Michael, Deanne, Grant, & Rachel Mammel
Jack Behmlander	Hudson Podleski
Hedwig Gerold	Michael & Lauren Schwab
Paul, Kristen, Natalie, & Matthew Kernstock	Dan, Amanda, Dolan, & Ella Wills

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

NEXT SUNDAY 3/31

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

MONDAY 4/1

Spring Break - No School Monday-Friday

7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting

TUESDAY 4/2

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Church Choir
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY 4/3

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

SATURDAY 4/6

6:00 p.m. Trivia Night

NEXT SUNDAY 4/7

CEF Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Confirmation Questioning

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 414 (189, 225); Wednesday – 159 (111, 48)

<u>DAILY BIBLE READINGS</u>	Mar. 31 – Ps. 34-35	Apr. 1 – Mark 1
Apr. 2 – Mark 2	Apr. 3 – Mark 3	Apr. 4 – Mark 4
Apr. 5 – Mark 5	Apr. 6 – Mark 6	

OFFICE HOURS DURING SPRING BREAK April 1-5 the office will be open from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR Enroll now for the 2019-2020 school year. Information and enrollment forms are available in the school office. The preschool classroom is almost full so please contact the office for information about available spots. A \$75 preschool registration fee will reserve your child's spot for next year. Please help spread the word! An open house is planned for interested families on Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt.

FROM MISS ABRAHAM St. Paul family, thank you so much for your many prayers, hugs, and words of affirmation. After much time in prayer, I have decided to decline my Call to Central Lutheran and continue my ministry here at St. Paul. I look forward to seeing how God continues to work here. Please continue to keep me in your prayers!
- Miss A.

WELCOME, MRS. DENT! Andrea Dent has accepted our call to teach 1st & 2nd grades here at St. Paul starting next school year. Andrea and her husband David have two young children who will be attending school here. Please continue to pray for them as they now begin the moving process from Jackson to the Bay City area. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

THANKS Thank you everyone for all the birthday wishes/cards/gifts. I am blessed to be your pastor and friend. - Pastor Matyas

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:

April 3 – VBS/Youth Board
April 10 – Alaska Mission

ALASKA SOUP AND SALAD DINNER ON MARCH 10 Menu will be Wild Rice Soup, Baked Potato Soup and Chicken Noodle Soup. If you are interested in ordering soup to take home, the cost is \$7/quart with 4 rolls, or \$4/pint with 2 rolls. Please call Heidi (450-0975) or David at (684-4450) to preorder. See you on the 10th!

BLOOD DONORS - SAVE THE DATE! Our blood drive here at St. Paul will be Thursday, May 23. Please save the date so you'll be able to donate on that day. Thanks!

REC COMMITTEE THANKS YOU! The Recreation Committee offers a sincere thank you for all those who provided desserts and salads for the Lent dinner on March 13. All the "behind the scenes" help was much appreciated in order to prepare for and provide the meal. Many hands truly do make light work when we offer ourselves in service to one another! May the Lord continue to bless St. Paul during this Lent season and throughout the year!

EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 13, 10:30 AM - 12 NOON The annual St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt and School Open House is a community-wide event and we look forward to celebrating Jesus' resurrection with the families who attend. Candy and many prizes have been coming in. We are currently short on candy, so candy donations are still needed. Small wrapped candy that will fit inside a small plastic egg is preferred. Baked goods and treats will also be needed for the day of the event. Please drop candy donations off at the office. If you can volunteer your time for the event or can provide baked goods, please call or text Vicki Begick at 525-3733 or Lynn Hendrick at 450-1969.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - THANK YOU! 55 St. Paul Wildcats enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of fellowship and fun at Bay City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who made the event a success. We are already looking forward to next year! – Kristen Kolberg, Megan Kusterer, and Kristen Glasser

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.

THANK YOU FROM DENISE RUEGSEGGER Thank you for all the prayers and positive thoughts for my father-in-law Mike Ruegsegger the past few months. God is good! Thank you!

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.

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.

HELP US FILL OVER 300 EASTER EGGS! Volunteers are needed on Sunday, April 7, 12 noon – 2 p.m., to help fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt. We will meet in the auditorium. If you can bless us with your time, we need volunteers during the event, as well. If you can help, please call or text Vicki Begick at 525-3733 or Lynn Hendrick at 450-1969.

STEWARDSHIP Luke 15:12 - "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.'" This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed - valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world. Like Jesus, everything we do and say should be wrapped up in the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). By definition genuine Stewardship glorifies the Father. In fact, God's glory is a natural consequence of using God's blessings. 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.

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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6 (ESV)

¹ You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

² "Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (ESV)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"