



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 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.

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| <u>LITURGY</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 2 | 10:30 a.m. - Celebration & Praise with Communion |
| <u>HYMNS</u> | 8:00 a.m. - 912, 430, 576 | |
| <u>ANTHEM</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Church Choir - "Psalm 126: God Has Done Great Things For Us" arr. by David von Kampen
(Psalm 126 is the designated psalm for the 5 th Sunday in Lent.) | |
| <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> | In memory of Howard Behmlander who passed away 30 years ago on April 5, from Cary & Joanne | |
| <u>READERS</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Scott Engelhardt | 10:30 a.m. - Terry Burkhard |
| <u>ACOLYTES</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Hogan Bourdow | 10:30 a.m. - Emily EauClaire |
| <u>GREETERS</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Jean & Mary Lou Appold, Anthony & Kathie Colone | 10:30 a.m. - Steve & Debra Neuman, Loraine Diment, Paul Begick |
| <u>USHERS</u> | 8:00 a.m. - Group 1 - Cary Behmlander, Dale Jezowski, Mike Mossner, Adam Jezowski, Rollan Berger | 10:30 a.m. - Group 4 - Bob Eastman, Cindy Eastman, Tim Begick |

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

HOMEBOUND

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

SPECIAL

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)
Randy Finney (hospitalized)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Floyd & Julia Appold	Steven Kernstock
Joanne Behmlander	Tony & Dorothy Martin
Anthony & Kathleen Colone	Roy Schwab
Gary, Carol, & Gregory Gibbon	Andrew, Sharon, Claire & Henry Wills

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

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

MONDAY 4/8

6:30 p.m. Board of Business Management

TUESDAY 4/9

6:00 p.m. Board of Education
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Church Choir

WEDNESDAY 4/10

Newsletter Articles Due

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

THURSDAY 4/11

6:30 p.m. Church Council

SATURDAY 4/13

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & School Open House

NEXT SUNDAY 4/14

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Confirmation

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 352 (195, 157); Wednesday – 143 (92, 51)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Apr. 7 – Proverbs 9 Apr. 8 – Mark 7
Apr. 9 – Mark 8 Apr. 10 – Mark 9 Apr. 11 – Mark 10
Apr. 12 – Ps. 36 Apr. 13 – Mark 11

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 full, so please contact the office to be added to the waiting list. An open house is planned for interested families on Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt.

TODAY! HELP US FILL OVER 3000 EASTER EGGS Volunteers are needed today, Sunday, April 7, 12 noon – 2 p.m., to help fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt. We will meet in the auditorium. As eggs are being filled today, candy donation will no longer be needed. Items for prizes can still be dropped off at the office through April 12 and baked good/treats can be brought the day of the Egg Hunt, April 13. Thank you to all of those who have generously given toward this event.

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. Baked goods and treats will be needed for the day of the event. Please drop donations for prizes off at the office through April 12. 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.

LADIES AID Monday, May 6 is our next meeting, Essential Oils 101. Samantha Schnett will be presenting common uses of essential oils. For those that would like to make a spring cleaning product, there will be a \$2 fee. No need to participate; just come listen. Please text or call Cathi Reymore at (989) 225-1204 by April 29 if you would like to participate in making cleaner. You may pay that night. All ladies are welcome!

LADIES AID BUS TRIP St. Paul Ladies Aid is sponsoring a bus trip to Traverse City on June 8, 2019. We are going to make stops at the Iris Farm, Traverse City for lunch and shopping on your own, and the GT Butterfly

and Bug Zoo. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. from the St Paul Church parking lot and will return around 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person and will include bus fare, tip, and admission fees. Money needs to be in by May 6th. To make your reservations please call Dorothy Martin at 989-894-4108.

THANKS FOR PRAYERS FOR THE KERYX WEEKEND Thank you St. Paul members for your prayers and the school children and staff for your placemats and prayers. The weekend was very blessed by God's Holy Spirit in so many ways. The men who participated submitted over 900 prayer requests to the prayer chapel on the weekend. Many of the men also visited the clergy who served on the weekend, and some received a conversion of their lives to serving Christ Jesus. Again, thank you Jesus for the many blessings received.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS Mowing season is coming soon! Please remove wreaths or decorations from the cemetery by April 21. All remaining decorations will be removed and discarded.

JACKET EXCHANGE During the Lenten supper April 3, someone mistakenly took Don Krueger's jacket and left behind a very similar jacket. The left behind jacket was taken to the school office to be available for exchange to get the jackets back to their owners.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH Congratulations and well done to eighteen students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for all five Sundays in March: Charles Begick, Maggie Behmlander, Max Behmlander, Mason Daniel, Caroline Douponce, Isaac Hendrick, Natalie List, Abigail Matyas, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Alex Schlicker, Cadence Swartz, Hayden Swartz, Ainsley Wiess, Chase Wyman, Deanna Zeilinger, Maura Zeilinger

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

ALASKA MISSION SOUP AND SALAD DINNER ON APRIL 10 April 10 marks our final Wednesday services during Lent at 3:15 and 6:30 p.m. Supper

will be served at 4 p.m. at school with a free-will donation supporting the Alaska Mission. 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.

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who came, donated, and supported the Poland Mission Lenten dinner on March 27. Donated money will cover the cost of room and board for Lisa Stanley and Kennedy Hardy's stay this summer.

THANKS! Thanks for all the prayers, cards and visit, while in the hospital and especially for the encouraging words from Pastor Matyas. God has surely placed me with a special church family. - Virginia Hutter

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.

STEWARDSHIP 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." All of us are blessed in different ways and we all face different circumstances. God has given each one of us many gifts - and how we use those gifts is our gift back to God. Everyone must do what he or she is called to do - and no one's call is identical. 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 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.

AREA EVENTS

SIGHT AND SOUND SUPPORT GROUP A low vision and hearing impaired support group meets the second Friday of each month at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission (713 Ninth St.) from 1-3 p.m. Anyone with

low vision or low hearing is invited, as well as their family member and guest. The speaker for Friday, April 12 will be Judge Alston.

PALM SUNDAY GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE On Palm Sunday, April 14th, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Rooms at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Office (entrance on 850 W. Genesee St. – across from Frankenmuth Insurance). The focus for the service is on commitment: Jesus' commitment to us and our commitment to Jesus. The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy and an English sermon by Pastor Hoesman focused on remembering and reflecting on our own Confirmation experience "back then" and its relevance currently. The congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including; "Gott ist gegenwärtig!" (God Himself is Present), "Mir nach! spricht Christus, unser Held" (Come Follow Me the Savior Spake), "Wie soll ich Dich empfangen" (O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee), and "Nun Gott Lob, es ist vollbracht" (Now The Hour of Worship O'er). Our regular monthly German service will again be held in the Church beginning May 12th.

EASTER EVENING PRAYER The Kantorei, a 16-voice select men's choir made up of seminarians from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, will be at St. John Amelith Lutheran Church (1664 Amelith Rd.) for a choral Easter season service on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an inspiring evening of song and worship! For additional information or questions please call 989-686-0176.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16–21 (ESV)

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ "Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,

21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:8–14 (ESV)

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:9–20 (ESV)

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.