



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion

April 14, 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 3 with Communion	10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 3
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 442, 560, 444, 434 (st. 1), 543, 335, 664, 441	10:30 a.m. - 442, 560, 444, 441
<u>PRELUDE</u>	8:00 a.m. - Bell Choir - "Antiphonal Celebration"	
<u>ANTHEM</u>	10:30 a.m. - Church Choir - "Confirmation Blessings"	
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Jack Lustila	10:30 a.m. - Jeremy Warren
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Alina Damic	10:30 a.m. - Blake Lowe
<u>GREETERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Dale & Lynn Jezowski, Art & Jamie Zeilinger	10:30 a.m. - Ron & Ardie Reuther, Bill & Bonnie List
<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

RECORDS

Maggie Kay Behmlander, Max Thomas Behmlander, Chessa Lyn Michelle Bourdow, Vanessa Rae Burkhard, Cadence Lilyan Swartz, Teri Dawn Appold, Jaynee' Rae Gassman, Caitlyn Marie Jaskiewicz, and Ashley Samantha White will confirm their Lutheran faith today.

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

BEREAVED

(family & friends of)

SPECIAL

Elaine Rettelle (mother of Linda Helmreich)
Hedwig Gerold (cancer)
Jeanie Grant (wife of Jerry)
Craig Kelly (brother-in-law of Dan and Billy Bourdow)
Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
The Sztwiertnia family (friends of Lisa Stanley)
Betty Wieland (Amanda Wills' mother; cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Gerald & Doris Appold	Terry Kernstock
Jonathan Behmlander	Brett Martin
Daniel, Nicole, Elaina, and Calvin Covieo	Luella Prime
Lisette Gibson	Vernon & Shirley Schwab
	Amanda Wilson

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	4/14	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship with Confirmation
<u>TUESDAY</u>	4/16	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Church Choir
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	4/17	6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men's Club (at Bay Shores)
<u>THURSDAY</u>	4/18	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal at School 3:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

FRIDAY 4/19

No School

8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

NEXT SUNDAY 4/21

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship with Communion

7:30-9 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion

11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 381 (199, 182); Wednesday – 191 (136, 55)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Apr. 14 – *Mark 12*

Apr. 15 – *Mark 13*

Apr. 16 – *Mark 14*

Apr. 17 – *Mark 15*

Apr. 18 – *Mark 16*

Apr. 19 – *Ps. 37*

Apr. 20 – *1 Peter 1*

EASTER BREAKFAST Next Sunday, April 21, breakfast will be served in the school gym from 7:30-9 a.m. Scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, caramel French toast, fruit salad, and pastries. A free-will offering will benefit the Youth.

MEXICAN TAKEOUT DINNER Come get your Mexican fiesta to-go on Sunday, April 28! Pickup will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the school auditorium. Menu items include 2 chicken enchiladas, 2 tostadas, 2 soft tacos, beans, rice, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream, and dessert. Tickets are available for \$10 after church and in the office. Ticket sales end Tuesday, April 23. Proceeds to benefit St. Paul Ministry Center. Please contact Kristen Glasser (989-529-2962) with any questions.

LWML FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERS Our regular monthly meeting will be replaced by the Confirmand Reception hosted by you, the members! That's this week, immediately following the evening Maundy Thursday service, in the auditorium. Updates including March minutes and Treasurer's report will be handed out. Please come celebrate these young adults who have publicly confirmed their belief in Jesus Christ their Savior!

4TH THURSDAYS VISUAL FAITH: NATURE REJOICES "The winter is past... the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come!" Song of Songs 2:11-12 Join us April 25th to celebrate the coming spring and see how God uses nature itself as a vivid visual reminder of His Resurrection, power, and love! This month we'll learn how to create beautifully simple botanical elements that will be incredibly useful in every form of Visual Faith practice. Bring along your Bible, a notebook,

and a friend! 4th Thursdays meets from 6:30-8:30 in the Auditorium at school. Call or text Katie with any questions: 989-225-3532

VOTERS ASSEMBLY - CHANGE OF TIME Mark your calendars for the next Voters Meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 12 p.m.

TRIVIA NIGHT Thank you to all who participated and made Trivia Night a success. \$2400 was raised to support the Ministry Center.

SPRING TEA The women of St. Paul are warmly invited to a Spring Tea on Sunday, May 19, from 2-3 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to benefit the Ministry Center.

- To purchase tickets, please contact Valerie Matyas (valmatyas@gmail.com; 248-227-3491).
- To volunteer to hostess a table, please contact Judy Spielhaupter (gjspiel@gmail.com; 989-860-0865).
- To donate a dessert, please contact Rosalinn Hardy (swim88@sbcglobal.net; 989-450-2377).

Volunteers who hostess or bring a dessert will receive a complimentary ticket.

WELLSPRING LUTHERAN HOME AUXILIARY The quarterly meeting of the Wellspring Lutheran Home Auxiliary will meet in Frankenmuth on Monday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Wellspring Lutheran Home. Guest speaker is: DiAnn Duby, author of "CareGivinG According to God's Will". Lunch is available for \$6 following the meeting. Guests are invited! For further information contact Luella Britton, 798-3156. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

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

THANK YOU! Thank you to all who were at the Lent Dinner on Wednesday!! Your generosity will be a blessing to the people in Cooper Landing, Alaska!! Thank you so much!

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

STEWARDSHIP 2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, for God loves a cheerful giver. What are the first things that come to mind when you hear the word "stewardship"? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about LOVE? Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life for us Christians. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives. Stewardship is a matter of the heart. Our stewardship practice is a response to the boundless love God first showed us. STEWARDSHIP - a way of life

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN IS OPERATIONAL The first branch of Orphan Grain Train in Michigan has launched operations. The OGT branch Center located in Sebewaing has spent nine months preparing its warehouse and assembling the multiple of components necessary to conduct its Christian humanitarian mission. In loving response to Christ, Orphan Grain Train enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to people in need both internationally to 68 foreign countries and domestically during times of crisis. Sometimes that character is through a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed. Congregations exploring the possibility of forming a volunteer team for Orphan Grain Train—Michigan may contact its branch manager, Pastor Dave Reed (989-600-2264).

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

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.

PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (ESV)

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷ Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹ "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HOLY GOSPEL John 12:12-19, 20-43 (ESV)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey

and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" ³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.