



The First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

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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

8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 4

10:30 a.m. - Celebration & Praise with Communion

HYMNS

8:00 a.m. - 569, 656, 594

READERS

8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker

10:30 a.m. - Richard Doan

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. - Lillian Garcia

10:30 a.m. - Hogan Bourdow

GREETERS

8:00 a.m. - Jack & Kathy Lustila and Anthony & Kathie Colone

10:30 a.m. - Janet & Paulette Beckers and Floyd & Julia Appold

USHERS

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

Dolores Appold

Erv Hoerauf

Julie Roark

Dorine Auernhammer

Jon Ittner

Eleanor Schlicker

Gwen Bakus

Lorna Ittner

Rose Anne Schmidt

Ruth Behmlander

Mike & Karen Kusch

Al Vogtmann

Armond Beiser

Irma McKenzie

Al Wegener

Rick & Bonnie Emeott

Margaret Meyer

Tim Wegener

Carl Hafer

Mary Pfund

Ferdinand Zeilinger

SPECIAL

Wyatt Crouse (Dan Bourdow's grandson)

Cindy Eastman (surgery)

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)

Fred Morley (uncle of DJ Bourdow)

Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)

Lynn Richard (Leeta Theiss's sister-in-law; cancer)

Mark Schmidt

Rita Tilley

Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Bruce, Anna, & Grace Appold

Janet Beckers

Jerod & Rebecca Bradley

Vernon & Delphine Dubey

Michael, Angela, Daniel, Molly, & Heidi Haas

Thomas & Lila Kloha

June Mason

James & Diane Rachwitz

Micah Schultz

Michael Weiss

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY

3/1

8:00 a.m.

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Bible Classes & Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Celebration & Praise with Communion

12:00 p.m.

Potluck

4:00 p.m.

Lutheranism 101

MONDAY

3/2

7:00 p.m.

Ladies Aid Meeting

TUESDAY

3/3

6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir

7:00 p.m.

Church Choir

7:00 p.m.

Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY

3/4

3:15 p.m.

Lenten Service

4:00 p.m.

Lenten Supper in the gym

6:30 p.m.

Lenten Service

THURSDAY

3/5

6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

NEXT SUNDAY

3/8

Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:00 a.m.

Worship with Communion

9:15 a.m.

Bible Classes & Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship

4:00 p.m.

Lutheranism 101

NOTES AND NEWS

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 378 (227, 151)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS March 1 – Acts 21 March 2 – Acts 22
March 3 – Acts 23 March 4 – Psalms 23-24 March 5 – Acts 24
March 6 – Acts 25 March 7 – Acts 26

POTLUCK TODAY Come join our First Sunday Fellowship potluck today at noon in the gym! Enjoy a meal with your church family and hear an update on the Ministry Center.

CLASSES FOR NEW MEMBERS Pastor's "Lutheranism 101" class will meet Sundays at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium starting today. Anyone interested in becoming a member or anyone else who would like to learn is invited to attend.

LENTEN SEASON We will have 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 schedule:

- March 4 – VBS (menu below)
- March 11 – France Mission
- March 17 – Poland Mission
- March 25 – 7/8th Grade
- April 1 – Recreation Committee

LENTEN SOUP & SALAD SUPPER This week's Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 4 will be hosted by VBS. Menu: Beef and Chicken Taco/Nacho Bar, along with dessert

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR Congregation members and current school families may now enroll for the 2020-2021 school year! Registration will open to the community on March 1, 2020. The preschool classroom is expected to fill quickly again this year. A \$75 preschool registration fee will reserve your child's spot for next year. Information and enrollment forms are available in the school office.

LADIES AID Ladies Aid meeting is Monday, March 2 at 7 PM with a shower for Missionaries James and Christel Neuendorf. They have indicated what they could use most are arts and craft 'kits' for use in their work. To best facilitate this, the Ladies Aid will be collecting monetary donations at the meeting, the committee will purchase bulk supplies and then we will assemble into kits at the May meeting. Donations are appreciated from anyone. Contact LA Program committee for more information or to donate; Dorothy Martin 914-489-0683, Heidi Eichinger 860-7267.

THE ST PAUL APPAREL STORE IS ABOUT TO RE-OPEN Many members have asked: "When are we going to have another opportunity to purchase St Paul apparel?" So, in response to that, the Apparel Store will re-open on Monday, March 9th until Wednesday, March 25th. Orders will then be ready for pickup on Friday, April 3rd. So, plan on visiting <https://stpaulchurch.org/itemorder.com> and order your new St Paul logo wear directly on-line. Thanks to all who made purchases last November, we raised nearly \$1,000 for the Ministry Center campaign. Hopefully, we'll add to that with increased sales beginning March 25th. Purchase some great clothing items with our St Paul logo and, at the same time, help the Ministry Center from the profits on your purchases. Call the church/school office if you have questions.

IN OUR BACKYARD Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 26 for the first foray into exploring *In Our Backyard*. This is an opportunity for us to gather for maybe not so typical fellowship in a 'field trip' kind of setting. We've arranged for a 2-hour historical tour of the Temple Theater in Saginaw including a demonstration of the nearly 100-year-old Barton pipe organ. Cost is \$2 payable that day at the box office. After, it's optional to meet at Fralia's in Old Town Saginaw for a late lunch, cost on your own. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 to car pool to the Temple for the 11:00 AM tour. Please call, text or email Melissa Appold, 989-225-6902 or melissaappold@gmail.com if you're interested so we have an accurate head count or with any questions.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Plans are underway for the St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help! As stores are already stocking their shelves with Easter items, please consider purchasing candy and other supplies needed for the event. Donations are needed for the following items:

- Candy (wrapped candy, small enough to fit in plastic Easter 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 in 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).

TO EVERYONE AT ST PAUL'S It was by divine accident that my cancer was discovered and divine providence that I received God's healing. Thanks be to God and thanks be to everyone here, for pastor's visits, the huge stack of cards, calls and even some flowers. Also, thanks to Nancy Hoerauf and Kathie Colone for baking in my place for our Sunday morning Bible study. And, even more importantly, thank you for all the prayers which guided the doctor's hands and is giving me recovery. St. Paul's is a true living church. You are the best. With gratitude, Rita Tilley



Hymn Journal Workshop

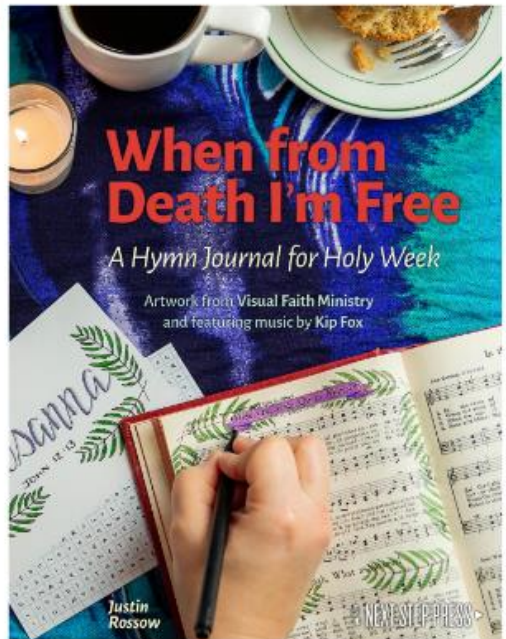
THURSDAY,
MARCH 26
6:30-8:30 PM

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
6094 WESTSIDE SAGINAW RD
BAY CITY, MI

\$20 REGISTRATION
INCLUDES A COPY OF
WHEN FROM DEATH I'M FREE:
A HYMN JOURNAL FOR HOLY WEEK

Call the church office at
989.684.4450 or visit stpaulbaycity.org
under News & Events to register.

Registration Deadline: March 23



Visual Faith Coach Valerie Matyas



NEXT STEP PRESS
Author Justin Rossow

MANY THANKS! Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers before and after my surgery. Thank you also to Pastor for your visit. ~ Bill Snelenberger

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Congratulations to the following students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for the month of February: Mason Daniel, Elise Helmreich, Noah Helmreich, Isaac Hendrick, Brynlee Kolberg, Landon

LaForest, Abigail Matyas, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Alex Schlicker, Espen Schlicker, Lukas Schlicker, Deanna Zeilinger, Maura Zeilinger.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service will be held on April 10, 2020 at the Horizon's Conference Center at 6200 State Street in Saginaw Township at 1 pm. The Reverend Dr. Robert Kasper will be the guest speaker. He is the Assistant to the President of the Michigan District-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and serves as the congregation Mission/Ministry Facilitator for the Metro Zone. 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.

SCRIP Did you know St Paul sells gift cards to many places in the Tri City area like Meijers, Walmart (which can be used at Sams), Dicks, Cabela's, Speedway, Kohls, JCPennys, Joann Fabric, Cracker Barrel, Bob Evans, Red Lobster, and so much more?!? These gift cards DO NOT cost you any extra money. How it works is St Paul earns a percentage from each card that we sell. It is an easy way to give money back to St Paul without costing you anything. Scrip cards are available at school all day Monday-Thursday and until 1pm on Fridays.

STEWARDSHIP Matthew 4:7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Jesus defeats Satan in our place - not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan - not by miracles but by quoting the Scripture and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory - on the Word of God alone. Stewardship - Is a way of life.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE MINISTRY CENTER Guess the time and day Mueller Mountain is totally melted! For a price or donation you can guess the day and time the slide will be totally melted. Each guess will note the contestant's name, date (month and day) and time (hour). The guess and money will be deposited into a sealed container located in the church narthex. The guessing will end April 6th and the container will be removed. The contestant that is closest without passing the time will win a prize. If there is a tie, the guesses that tied will be put into a hat or bowl for a drawing. If construction starts before the snow is completely melted, the first day/hour of excavation is the winning time.

CALL TO MANISTEE After prayerful consideration, I have decided to turn down the call to Manistee and continue serving you here at St. Paul. I

thank you for all your prayers and kinds words as I was deciding.
Blessings, Lisa Stanley

SEE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR TO FIND DATES TO PLACE FLOWERS The Altar Flowers Calendar for 2020 is hanging on the wall in the cry room in the back of church. If you would like to put flowers in church, you may mark it down on the calendar. You order the flowers, and the committee will make sure the information is published in the church bulletin.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Sign up today! Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. St. Paul will participate in Bay City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Join the fun! Very few spots remain for children riding on the float. Older children may walk with their parent. Participating families are encouraged to either donate a few dollars or a few bags of candy to distribute at the parade. A waiver must be signed prior to the event. Contact Kristen Glasser at 989-529-2962 to participate.

AUCTION FUNDRAISER Get ready for our auction fundraiser for the Ministry Center! Sunday, March 22, 4-6pm supper (free will donation) and silent auction, 6:00 Live Auction. Auction will be held in the school gym. 65" smart tv, cabin rentals, quilts, Epson printer, a Traverse City wine tour and tasting, cornhole games, and many, many more items up for bid. Come for supper-stay for the fun!

SHOE COLLECTION Valley Lutheran's student-led organization, Key Club, is holding a shoe drive. They are partnering with Funds2orgs. This organization gives the shoes you donate to micro-entrepreneurs in third world countries. This provides jobs and the means for working age adults to provide for their families. In return for collecting shoes, Funds2orgs gives \$1000 to the organization that collects these shoes. Key Club can then take this money and invest in other community projects. Bring in your gently used or new shoes Feb. 23-March 15 to help Key Club achieve their goal of collecting 2,500 pairs of shoes. A collection box will be here at St. Paul. (No single shoes, no holey shoes, no ice skates, no rollerblades). If you have more questions, contact Barry Wittig- bwittig@vlhs.com or go to <https://funds2orgs.com/faq/> for answers to commonly asked questions.

SAVE THE DATE Valley Lutheran High School invites you to join for a celebration of the ministry of Dr. John Brandt. Kindly mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16, 2020, and plan to join us at Horizons Conference Center as we thank and honor Dr. Brandt for his 40 years of service to the school. Tickets on sale March 1, 2020. Visit www.vlhs.com/brandtretirement for more information and to purchase tickets.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1–ESV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:12–19 (ESV)

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11 (ESV)

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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