



**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 8, 2020**

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School  
6100 Westside Saginaw Road  
Bay City, MI 48706  
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 with Communion  
                             10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 4

**HYMNS**             8:00 a.m. - 425, 708, 434, 638, 607, 641, 422, 427  
                             10:30 a.m. - 425, 708, 427

**BELL CHOIR**                            "No Greater Love"

**READERS**            8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker            10:30 a.m. - Pastor Matyas

**ACOLYTES**           8:00 a.m. - Sawyer Bebow            10:30 a.m. - Riley Jimenez

**GREETERS**           8:00 a.m. - Dale & Lynn Jezowski, Art & Jamie Zeilinger  
                             10:30 a.m. - Ron & Ardith Reuther, Bonnie List

**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)	Lynn Richard (Leeta Theiss's sister-in-law; cancer)
Cindy Eastman (surgery)	Mark Schmidt
Hedwig Gerold (cancer)	Rita Tilley
Fred Morley (uncle of DJ Bourdow)	Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)
Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)	Carol Wozniak (knee surgery)

**THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS**

Craig & Carol Appold	Robert Kochalka
Paulette Beckers	David Matthes
Amy & Jae Brandenburg	Abigail Rajewski
Troy, Shasta, Trentin, Hunter, & Gatlin Duffey	Eric & Brittany Schwab
Johnathan Hardy	Norma Weiss

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	3/8	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
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	3/9	6:30 p.m.	Board of Business Management
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	3/10	6:00 p.m.	MOPS Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Church Choir
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	3/11		<b><i>Newsletter Articles Due</i></b>
		3:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
		4:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper in the gym
		6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	3/12	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	3/13	1:30 p.m.	School Operetta (Gr. Y5-4)
		6:30 p.m.	School Operetta (Gr. Y5-4)
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>	3/15	8:00 a.m.	Worship; Y5-4 <sup>th</sup> Graders Sing
		9:15 a.m.	Bible Classes & Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
		4:00 p.m.	Lutheranism 101



# **Auction Fundraiser**

to benefit the Ministry Center

## **March 22, 2020**

**4:00-6:00 pm - Supper & Silent Auction**

**6:00 pm - Live Auction**

65" Samsung TV  
Power Recliner  
Cabin Rentals  
Wine Tour & Tasting  
Epson Printer  
Google Home  
Quilts  
Handcrafted Items  
Classroom Baskets  
and MUCH MORE!

Come for the food.  
STAY for the fun!

**Supper by Donation:**  
**baked potato bar,**  
**drinks, & desserts**

Family-Friendly &  
Open to the Public

**St. Paul Gym - 6094 Westside Saginaw Road, Bay City**

### **NOTES AND NEWS**

**ATTENDANCE** Ash Wednesday – 256 (147, 109); Last Sunday – 378 (181, 197)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

March 8 – Acts 27	March 9 – Acts 28	
March 10 – Prov. 6	March 11 – Ps. 25-26	March 12 – 1 Timothy 1
March 13 – 1 Timothy 2	March 14 – 1 Timothy 3	



## The St. Paul Lutheran **OFFICIAL APPAREL STORE**

ALL PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THE NEW ST. PAUL MINISTRY CENTER

Mens ♦ Womens ♦ Youth Sizes

Our logo is embroidered on each garment  
*Not screen printed*

Orders are easily placed directly online

Visa ♦ Master Card ♦ American Express ♦ PayPal

St. Paul Apparel Store open:

Monday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>** through

Wednesday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Pick up at St. Paul School on  
Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> ♦ Noon to 3:00*

Visit our one-stop shop today!

Order your St. Paul apparel at

<https://stpaul Lutheran church.itemorder.com>



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**EASTER FLOWERS** This year, Easter lilies and other spring flowers can be purchased by individuals in the congregation. A sign-up sheet & payment box are in the narthex to purchase Easter plants. Checks can be made payable to Begick Nursery. If you have any questions, please call or text Jean Begick (989-928-6192). Flowers will adorn the chancel area on April 12 for the Resurrection of our Lord; memorials will be printed in that bulletin.

**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 11 – France Mission

March 18 – Poland Mission

March 25 – 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 1 – Recreation Committee

**LENTEN SOUP & SALAD SUPPER** This week's Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 11 will be hosted by the France Mission. Menu: Baked Potato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup with salad, rolls, and dessert

**INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS TO THE ST. PAUL AUCTION!** Join us in the school gym on March 22nd for the Ministry Center Auction Fundraiser. The event is FREE, family-friendly, and open to the public. Baked potato supper (by donation) includes drinks and desserts. Supper and Silent Auction are from 4-6 p.m. Live Auction begins at 6 p.m. Bid on a 65" Samsung TV, power recliner, cabin rentals, wine tours, quilts, and much more! Come for supper and fellowship. Stay for the fun!

**PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL REGISTRATION** Register now for the 2020-2021 school year! The preschool classroom has a few spots left to fill. A \$75 preschool registration fee will reserve your child's spot for next year. Information and enrollment forms are available in the school office.

**SCHOOL OPERETTA THIS FRIDAY** The Y5-4th graders will be presenting "GT & the Halo Express" in the school auditorium on Friday, March 13 at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. You're invited to see a brother and sister learn about God's love and a fun way to memorize Bible verses with the help of GT & the Halo Express. Come enjoy a fun time and catchy music!

**MOPS MEETING** Join us on Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom for our monthly MOPS meeting. Enjoy time with other mothers of preschool and younger in the community as we support each other, discuss our different lifestyles and learn from each other, find new ways to bring God into our homes, and enjoy fun activities each month! Your children do not need to attend St. Paul School for you to join us. For more information, please contact Kayla Schlicker

(989)450-8057. Childcare will be provided, courtesy of the Youth Group!

**CONGRATULATIONS MR. GARCIA!** Our 5th & 6th grade teacher, Mr. Justin Garcia, will receive a Saginaw Valley State University "Heroes in Education Award" during a special ceremony at SVSU on March 21st from 4-6 p.m. The SVSU College of Education recognizes alumni educators, like Mr. Garcia, for their outstanding work and commitment to inspire, impact, innovate, and be involved both at school and in the community. Thank you, Mr. Garcia, for your dedicated service here at St. Paul over the last 17 years. Congratulations!

**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. **A note regarding the men's blue check long-sleeve shirt** – you are now able to select the color embroidery you prefer on that shirt – blue tones or green tones. You'll see that option when you order. 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 9th. 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.

**DO YOU HAVE AN AUCTION DONATION?** Donations for the Ministry Center Auction are kindly requested by March 13th. Contact Ray Garcia (989) 662-6050 or Kristen Glasser (989) 529-2962 to make arrangements. Items can also be brought to the school office. Thank you for your generosity!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** If you are willing to lend a hand the day of the Ministry Center Auction on March 22nd in the St. Paul gym, please contact Kristen Glasser (989) 529-2962. Thank you!

**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 led by Mr. Ken Wuepper who promises that 'the Temple Theater ghost will be kept under control'. There will also be a demonstration of the nearly 100-year-old Barton pipe organ by the President of the Temple Theater Organ Club – our own Howard Harmon. 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. All are welcome!

### **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).

**BLOOD DRIVE** Our blood drive here at St. Paul will be Thursday, May 21 (Ascension Day). Donors, please save the date so you'll be able to donate on that day.

**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

### **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.

**STEWARDSHIP** John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." This is perhaps the most well-known and well-beloved verse in the New Testament - and for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father, who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ. Stewardship - 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY AT VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL!** Head to [www.vlhs.com/apply](http://www.vlhs.com/apply) to download an application form or, if your family is unsure of your high school choice, we'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you! Contact Interim Admissions Counselor Amy Cooper at [acooper@vlhs.com](mailto:acooper@vlhs.com) or 989-790-1676, ex. 40 to schedule a personal visit or a shadow experience for your student.

**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.

**PRINCIPAL POSITION** Immanuel Lutheran School in Saginaw (Frankentrost) is accepting resumes for a full-time position for Principal beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must be caring Christian role models and highly qualified with a current State of Michigan School Administrators Certificate or be able to attain one. He or she must possess all skills required to fulfill the duties of the principal. Resumes can be dropped off or mailed to Immanuel Lutheran School, Attn: Gloria Hecht, 8220 East Holland Rd, Saginaw, MI 48601 or submitted to Gloria Hecht via email at [hecht5@netzero.com](mailto:hecht5@netzero.com) by March 17, 2020.



**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](http://stpaulbaycity.org)  
under News & Events to register.

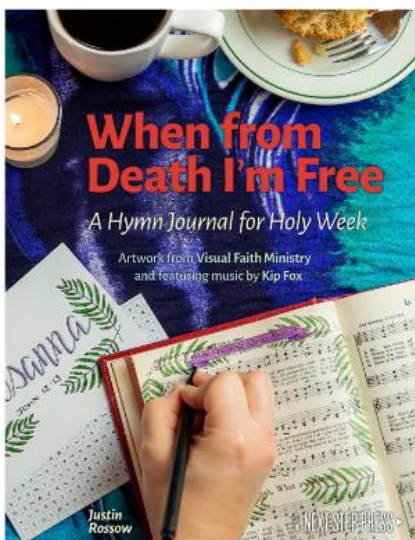
Registration Deadline: March 23



Visual Faith Coach Valerie Matyas



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Author Justin Rossow



## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1–9 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

### EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of

many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 3:1–17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."