



**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 15, 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

10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 4 with Communion

### **HYMNS**

8:00 a.m. - 435, 433, 824

10:30 a.m. - 435, 433, 434, 428, 432, 430, 422, 824

### **ANTHEM**

8:00 a.m. - Cherub Choir: "Romans 8:32" & "Deut. 7:9"

10:30 a.m. - Church Choir: "Come Ye Sinners"

### **READERS**

8:00 a.m. - Herb Matthes

10:30 a.m. - Brian Appold

### **ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. - Deanna Zeilinger

10:30 a.m. - Emily EauClaire

### **GREETERS**

8:00 a.m. - Tom & Nancy Hoerauf, Lura Gehrman, Rita Tilley

10:30 a.m. - Marie Hendrick, Jean Begick, Tiffany List, Rachel Abraham

### **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)	Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)
Hedwig Gerold (cancer)	Lynn Richard (Leeta Theiss's sister-in-law; cancer)
Delmar Lutz (hospitalized)	Mark Schmidt
Fred Morley (uncle of DJ Bourdow)	Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)
	Carol Wozniak (hospitalized)

**THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS**

Dan & Shelley Appold	Rodney, Rosalinn, & Kennedy Hardy
Benjamin Begick	Emily, Alexandra, & Lucas Kochanny
Kayla, Matthew, Owen, & Wyatt Brenay	Klaus & Lois Matthes
Ronald & Sally Easter	Ann Rajewski
	Frederick & Dawn Schwab
	Scott & Ann Weiss

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<u>3/15</u>	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
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<u>3/17</u>	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Church Choir
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<u>3/18</u>	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>	<u>3/19</u>	6:30 p.m.	Friendship Circle
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>	<u>3/22</u>	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
		4-6 p.m.	Supper & Silent Auction
		6:00 p.m.	Live Auction

## NOTES AND NEWS

**ATTENDANCE** Wednesday (3/4) – 227 (147, 80); Last Sunday – 379 (203, 176)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** Sunday Mornings: 8:30 on WSAM 1400 AM

Donations mail to:

Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour

P.O. Box 133

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**      March 15 – 1 Timothy 4    March 16 – 1 Timothy 5  
March 17 – 1 Timothy 6    March 18 – Ps. 27-29      March 19 – 2 Timothy 1  
March 20 – 2 Timothy 2    March 21 – 2 Timothy 3

**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.

**DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31** Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated 2019 Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2020, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to provide grant funding to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

**LWML FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** LWML Friendship Circle meeting this Thursday, March 19th, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the home of Virginia Hutter. We will participate in an intriguing Bible Study, assemble our donation for the St Paul Auction, and finish planning for our events in April! Please carpool, if possible, and bring your donations for Mites, church Auction items, dues, and your Bible.

**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 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 18 will be hosted by the Poland Mission. Menu: Sloppy joes, hot dogs, and salads



Please join us for the  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church Ministry Center**

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# **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 29  
12 NOON  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
6100 WESTSIDE SAGINAW ROAD**



# **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



# 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



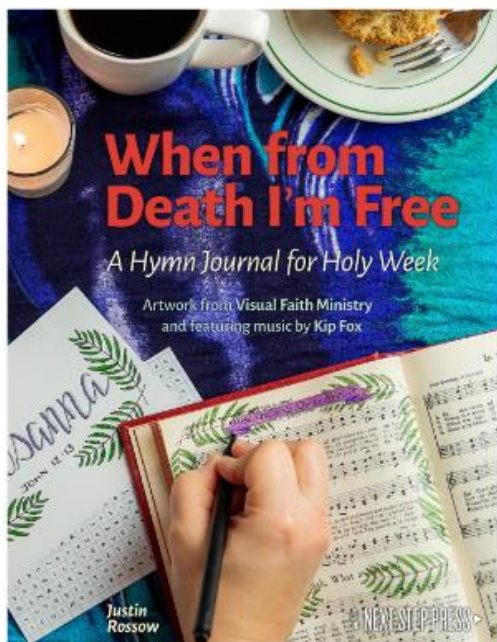
Visual Faith Coach Valerie Matyas



 **NEXT STEP PRESS**  
Author Justin Rossow

Call the church office at  
989.684.4450 or visit [stpaulbaycity.org](http://stpaulbaycity.org)  
under News & Events to register.

Registration Deadline: March 23





## 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://stpaulchurch.itemorder.com>



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THE ST. PAUL MINISTRY CENTER



**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.

**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 HAS RE-OPENED.** The Apparel Store is open again until Wednesday, March 25th. Orders will then be ready for pickup on Friday, April 3rd. So, plan on visiting <https://stpaulchurch.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. 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.

**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 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.

**STEWARDSHIP** Exodus 17:3 "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us even in our broken world. Stewardship - Is from the heart

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** Bay City has cancelled its parade this year, so we will plan to participate next year!

**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.

**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.

## **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 17:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### **EPISTLE READING**

Romans 5:1-8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though

perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 4:5–26 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."