



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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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	10:30 a.m. - Celebration & Praise
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 413, 414, 493	with Communion
<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	Given in honor of Norah Schlicker's baptism today	
<u>OFFERTORY</u>	8:00 a.m. - Bell Choir - "Meditation on Beautiful Savior" arranged by Cathy Moklebust	
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - John Schlicker	10:30 a.m. - Gene Behmlander
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Blake Lowe	10:30 a.m. - Lexi Hutchinson
<u>GREETERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Jean & Mary Lou Appold, Anthony & Kathie Colone	10:30 a.m. - Floyd & Julia Appold, Loraine Diment, Paul Begick
<u>USHERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Group 3 – Herb Matthew, Bob Schlicker, Jason Schlicker, Art Zeilinger, Peter Auernhammer	10:30 a.m. - Group 6 – Brian Appold, Andy Weiss, Scott Weiss, Jeffrey Olson

RECORDS

Norah Grace Schlicker child of Matthew & Kayla (Parent) Schlicker, born February 11, 2019, will be baptized during today's 8:00 a.m. service.

Sponsors are Joshua Schlicker, Amber Gerstacker, and James Parsons.

Olivia Elle Fitzgerald child of Ryan & Sarah (Doyle) Fitzgerald, born April 26, 2018, will be baptized during today's 10:30 a.m. service. Sponsors are Justin Doyle, Crystal Doyle, and Brendan Seymour.

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING

HOMEBOUND

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

SPECIAL

Jeff Schlicker (Loretta's son; cancer)
Mike Ruegsegger (Denise's father-in-law)

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Dan & Shelley, & Loren Appold, Abigail & Tye Riley	Jamie, Corinna, Julie, & Amelia Jose Delmar & Barbara Lutz Angela & Ethan Persons
Eugene & Viola Behmlander	Caleb & Mary Schultz
Kris Christian & Hannah VanHorn	Janice Whyte & Joshua Wegener

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	3/3	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Celebration & Praise with Communion 12:00 p.m. Potluck
<u>MONDAY</u>	3/4	7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	3/5	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Church Choir 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	3/6	3:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Communion 4:00 p.m. Lenten Supper in the gym 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Communion
<u>THURSDAY</u>	3/7	6:00 p.m. Board of Ed
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	3/10	Daylight Saving Time Begins - Turn Clocks Ahead 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship - 5-8 th Grade Youth Choir Sings 4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101

NOTES AND NEWS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mar. 3 – Acts 23	Mar. 4 – Ps. 23-24
Mar. 5 – Acts 24	Mar. 6 – Acts 25
Mar. 8 – Acts 27	Mar. 9 – Acts 28

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 352 (214, 138)

FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP TODAY Come to the First Sunday Fellowship Potluck today at noon in the gym. Please plan on staying around and having some fun and fellowship with your church family. If you have a game you would like to play, bring it with you!

YOUR STORY WANTED! The Join the Journey campaign has appeared to reach a plateau, with over 120 families donating and pledging support for the Ministry Center. Many more seem to be ironically waiting in the wings for the project to start, when their support can actually speed up the process. No matter what, the Ministry Center will be built; your donations dictate the amount we will need to borrow from Church Extension Fund. Fundraising will continue until the debt is paid. With so many details to worry about, there is only so much the committee can do without wider congregational activity. To that end, individual members or groups of members are encouraged to think outside the box and implement their own church-wide fundraising opportunities. I'm looking at you, Joe Pewsetter. Tell me your idea and I'll do what I can to enable your effort. I'm also looking for any member of the church to write a brief note of encouragement to be posted in the newsletter. More specifically, a heart-felt story answering these prompts: 1) What does St. Paul mean to you and why did you Join the Journey? 2) How can you encourage others to contribute?

Send your stories to me at any time. They will be edited for content and posted in the following newsletter.

God's peace as you share your story - Pastor Matyas

YOUTH ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER Thanks to everyone who has taken/filled an envelope in support of the St. Paul Youth Ministry. Today will be the last week the board will be up, so get 'em while you can! In seeing what other churches have experienced with this event, they report that some people choose envelopes because the number has some significance to them - an anniversary date or number, their children's ages, a birthday or other special date. Have fun with this, and thanks again for your support.

BEACON OF HOPE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG! We'd like to get the Baby Bottles back to Beacon of Hope soon, and we still have 10 or so unaccounted for. If you have one to turn in, please do so by next

Sunday, March 10th. Thanks for all you do in support of these organizations that share the love of God in our community, and please keep them in your prayers.

MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE Just a quick reminder that the meetings start in Auburn at Tri-County Worship Center (609 W. Midland Rd.; Auburn, MI 48611) today at 5:30 p.m. The team is coming together. We have some new volunteers. More new volunteers are requested and needed. No experience necessary. Come to the first meeting tonight, and see if this is for you. Couples, singles, and teens are all needed. Grandmas and grandpas can participate too!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS You are invited to pick up a Lenten devotion booklet, entitled "People of the Passion," in the back of church for your daily study of Scripture. Regular and large-print copies are available for you to begin reading Wednesday, March 6. Thank you to Lutheran Hour Ministries for making this resource available for us to share.

LENTEN SEASON Lent begins Wednesday, March 6. 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 updated schedule:

- March 6 – Men's Club (see menu below)
- March 13 – OPEN
- March 20 – 7&8 Grade
- March 27 – Poland Mission
- April 3 – VBS/Youth Board
- April 10 – Alaska Mission

MEN'S CLUB ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER MENU The March 6 Lenten dinner menu will be Polish dogs, hotdogs, vegetable beef soup, sauerkraut with pork, Vern's famous potato salad, salad with fixings, desserts, coffee, water, milk, and punch.

SHOWER INVITATION Ladies, you will find an invitation in your mailboxes. The Ladies Aid is hosting its annual shower on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 PM and all ladies of the congregation are invited. The organization we will help this year is called River Jordan and they help support young adults transition from foster care into society. They are renovating the old Luther Children's Home and their website is <https://www.riverjordaninc.org/rj-dorms> if you'd like to see more about who they are and what they are doing. We will also have our monthly meeting and have some Bible Trivia fun. Please join us!

SCHOOL OPERETTA NEXT FRIDAY The 5-8th graders will be presenting "Fish Tales" in the school auditorium on Friday, March 15 at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. You're invited!

TRI-CITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service will be held on April 19, 2019 at the Horizon's Conference Center at 6200 State Street in Saginaw Township at 1 pm. The Reverend Dr. Michael Zeigler will be the guest speaker. He is with Lutheran Hour Ministries as the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour. 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. Our pastor, Dennis Matyas, will be a soloist at the service.

HOUSING NEEDED An SVSU student, who is graduating in May and doing her clinicals until December, needs lodging over the summer. She would like to rent an extra bedroom someone might have in their home. Call Barb, her mother, at 989-255-6932.

SAVE THE DATE! March 17th at 2 pm St. Paul will participate in Bay City's St. Patrick's Day Parade. St. Paul families are encouraged to join the fun. Limit of 25 children riding on the float. Older children may walk with their parent. Contact Kristen Glasser at 989-529-2962 or Kristen Kolberg at 989-906-9031 to participate. A waiver must be signed prior to the event. Stay tuned for more details.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY Join us Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. at Big Boy (Euclid Ave.) to study *The Practice of Godliness* by Jerry Bridges. Materials will be provided.

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE Offering envelopes for Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services are available in the narthex. They are intended to be used by those contributors who opted out of having a box of envelopes in 2019. If you would like to use this for your midweek offering, please pick one up. The counters will appreciate it if you write your contribution number on the envelope. Thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 13, 10:30 AM - 12 NOON Plans are underway for the St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help! Donations are needed for the following items:

- Candy (to fill plastic 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 at 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).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS Mobile Meals of Bay County, a non-profit, volunteer-based home meals delivery service, is recruiting volunteers. The program provides hot and cold meals for the elderly, home-bound or people with special dietary needs throughout Bay County. The meals are prepared by the McLaren Dietary Department and volunteers are generally assigned one day a month working in pairs to deliver meals. The process takes about one and a half hours. For information, call Nancy Quinn (989-684-4386).

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE Congratulations to the following students who had perfect Sunday School attendance for the month of February: Charles Begick, Caroline Douponce, Elise Helmreich, Noah Helmreich, Isaac Hendrick, Brynlee Kolberg, Natalie List, Ethan Matyas, Isaac Matyas, Olivia Matyas, Alex Schlicker, Deanna Zeilinger, Maura Zeilinger

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated 2018 Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to provide grant funding to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

STEWARDSHIP O God, I resolve to put You first in my life. I recognize that You have blessed me with all that I have and all that I am. As your steward, I resolve to sacrifice when necessary but always to do so out of a spirit of sincere love, just as your Son, Jesus, did for me. I humbly accept the challenge (Ministry Center) to share from my means rather than from my excess. I recognize that being a good steward is nothing more than being truly Christian. Dear God, I resolve, to be generous with my time, talent, and treasure, giving in proportion to the gifts I have been given. I commit myself to taking care of my body and all creation. I know there will be times when I will fall to be a good steward, but I pledge to keep on trying. I will confidently live each day with a spirit of true peace and joy in knowing that I am doing Your will. Amen. STEWARDSHIP - A way of life

VALLEY LUTHERAN ENROLLMENT If you haven't already, now is a great time to enroll for fall 2019 at Valley Lutheran High School. Please contact the school office 989-790-1676 or visit the website to get the registration form www.vlhs.com and apply for financial aid. Class scheduling has started! To plan a visit, a shadow experience, or for more information contact Student Recruiter, Sondra Yantz syantz@vlhs.com



LUTHERANISM 101

**CLASSES FOR NEW
MEMBERS & ANYONE
INTERESTED**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
LED BY PASTOR MATYAS**

4 PM - 5 PM

MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31, APRIL 7

AREA EVENTS

Sun., March 3, Annual Church and Community MOST Mission Auction –

Immanuel, Frankentrost 11:30 a.m. (8220 E. Holland Rd.) Come join the fun and fellowship in support of our team going to South Africa for Eyeglass Clinics from August 16-27, 2019. Lots of unique items to bid on both live and silent. Silent auction starts at 11:30 with the Live auction starting at 1:00 with our lively auctioneer Gerry Hecht. Free-will lunch will be available from 11:30 through the afternoon.

Sun., March 10, German Worship Service – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth 11

a.m. (1030 Tuscola Rd.) The focus for the service is on Satan's temptation of Jesus as we begin the season of Lent. The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy and an English sermon by Pastor Brandt. Don Bruns will perform a solo "Wie Gross Bist Du" (How Great Thou Art) and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including: "Fang Dein Werk mit Jesu an" (With the Lord Begin Thy Task), "O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht" (O Christ, Our True and Only Light), "Meinem Jesum Lass Ich Nicht" (Jesus, I will Never Leave), and "Jesus, Jesus, Nichts als Jesus" (Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus).

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (ESV)

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 3:1–6 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28–36 (ESV)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.