



St. Paul Lutheran

Church & School

1st Sunday in Lent

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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 2 with Communion	10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 2
<u>HYMNS</u>	8:00 a.m. - 656, 424, 434, 655, 427, 435, 437	10:30 a.m. - 656, 424, 437
<u>ANTHEM</u>	10:30 a.m. - Gr. 5-8 Youth Choir: "God Is Great, God Is Good"	
<u>READERS</u>	8:00 a.m. - Tom DePrekel	10:30 a.m. - Sam Britton
<u>ACOLYTES</u>	8:00 a.m. - Cadence Swartz	10:30 a.m. - Brooklynn Garrett
<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 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

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

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

THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS

Daryl, Lori, Matthew, & Alexandria Appold	Terry Gehrman
Gary Behmlander	Raymond & Pamela MacLeod
Roger, Ashley, Paige, & Ella Clauss	David, Heidi, Josiah, Micah, & Lydia Schultz

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	3/10	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 1:00 p.m. Special Voters' Assembly 4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101
<u>MONDAY</u>	3/11	6:30 p.m. Board of Business Management
<u>TUESDAY</u>	3/12	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Church Choir
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	3/13	Newsletter Articles Due 3:15 p.m. Lenten Service 4:00 p.m. Lenten Supper in the gym 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
<u>THURSDAY</u>	3/14	6:30 p.m. Church Council
<u>FRIDAY</u>	3/15	1:30 p.m. Operetta (5 th -8 th grades) 6:30 p.m. Operetta (5 th -8 th grades)
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	3/17	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 4:00 p.m. Lutheranism 101

NOTES AND NEWS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mar. 10 – <i>Proverbs 6</i>	Mar. 11 – <i>Ps. 25-26</i>
Mar. 12 – <i>1 Tim. 1</i>	Mar. 13 – <i>1 Tim. 2</i>
Mar. 14 – <i>1 Tim. 3</i>	Mar. 15 – <i>1 Tim. 4</i>
Mar. 16 – <i>1 Tim. 5</i>	

ATTENDANCE Last Sunday – 399 (221, 178); Ash Wednesday – 229 (141, 88)

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING TODAY There is a special Voters' Assembly today at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. This meeting is regarding the called position of 1st/2nd grade teacher at St. Paul School. Childcare will be provided in the school gym. Thank you for your partnership in the ministry.

ALTAR GUILD Members of Altar Guild are to meet at church on Monday, March 11 at 9 a.m. Bring your red folder on procedures to follow.

SCHOOL OPERETTA THIS 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!

LUTHERANISM 101 Classes start today for new members and anyone else who is interested. Join Pastor Matyas in the school auditorium from 4-5 p.m. Classes will continue every Sunday afternoon for 5 weeks, ending on April 7.

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 Pewsitter. 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

VALLEY ASSISTANCE FUND Thank you to those who have given to the VLHS assistance fund. Seven St. Paul students have met the 2018 requirements and will each receive \$800 for this school year. Donations to this fund are always welcome. Designated offering envelopes are available to pick up in the narthex.

LENTEN SEASON Come to our 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 13 – Recreation Committee

March 20 – 7&8 Grade

March 27 – Poland Mission

April 3 – VBS/Youth Board

April 10 – Alaska Mission

LENTEN DEVOTIONS If you would still like a printed copy of the devotional booklet provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries, please contact the church office. The digital version is available for you to read online, receive as a daily email, or listen as an audio podcast. Check out <https://www.lhm.org/lent/> for those options.

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. Pastor Matyas and David Schultz will be singing 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.

PARADE - LAST CALL! The deadline for participating in Bay City's St. Patrick's Day Parade is Monday, March 11th. Contact Kristen Glasser at 989-529-2962 to sign up. The parade begins at 2 pm on Sunday, March 17th. Participants will be contacted directly regarding a waiver, as well as line up time and location. Space is limited. Sign up today!

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 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 Matthew 6:19-21 - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and

steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What more is there to say about stewardship beyond this? These are the words of our Lord Jesus, and we would do well to heed them for they flow from His heart of love. STEWARDSHIP - A way of life
Matthew 4:7 - And Jesus answered him, "It is written..." Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures 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. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word! 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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (ESV)

¹ "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵ "And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with

signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:8b–13 (ESV)

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13 (ESV)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,'" ¹¹ and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.