



## Pastor, Tell me about Lent

Pastor Jeremy Schultz

*With this month's article, I thought that I'd address a topic that is on many minds.*

**WHEN IS LENT?** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts all the way to Easter, a 46 day period. If all Sundays are excluded, which have never been days of fasting, there are 40 days of Lent. This reminds us of the 40 days that our Lord spent in the wilderness before He began His public ministry.

**THE DATE OF LENT!** The date of Lent is determined by the date of Easter. The Council of Nicaea determined in 325 A.D. that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the Paschal Moon. The earliest that Lent can begin is February 5. That happened last in 1818. The latest that Lent can start is March 10. So we're only one day away this year from the latest it can ever be. But that won't happen till the year 2038!

### WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. We should meditate upon the sufferings of our Savior. In spirit we go again with our Rabbi "up to Jerusalem." This is done so that we appreciate the salvation that was purchased for us at so great a cost. We realize anew that we, too, are responsible for His great suffering and death. Our aim is to bring ourselves into living communion with our "ever-living" Lord.
2. We should search our hearts and with bible in hand ponder, the "deep things of God." As we diligently search our hearts we want to apply the Gospel message that we "may grow in grace and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."
3. Therefore, we want to LIVE LENT EVERY DAY. How?
  - a. Pray every day. Set aside a particular time.
  - b. Use a Lenten Devotional Booklet (available at the Church).
  - c. Worship on the weekend and also at the Mid-week services. *Vicar has a GREAT series lined up for the Wednesday worship times!*
  - d. Invite someone you know, who does not know Jesus, to come to a service with you.
  - e. Try "giving something up" and use that time to focus on prayer or Bible reading instead.
  - f. Show Christian compassion by reaching out to a particular person in need.

May God bless you during these 40 days that you may emerge from them stronger and more determined than ever to celebrate the Victory of the Paschal Lamb that was slain, but is now raised!

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### Happy St. Patrick's Day

### Special points of interest:

- March 6-March 13  
Lutheran Schools Week
- March 9-April 13  
Lent Dinners & Worship
- March 13 - School Open House  
All Church Pancake Breakfast
- March 17 - Kindergarten Round-Up





## “Love Without Reason”

by Vicar Trevor Sutton

Valentine’s Day has come and gone. It seems to me that everyone knows *how* we should celebrate Valentine’s Day—you go out and buy flowers and cards and heart shaped chocolates for those that you love. However, it seems to me that not many people know *why* we celebrate Valentine’s Day. Well, I did a little research on the celebration of Valentine’s Day and here is what I found.

Saint Valentine’s story goes like this: he was a priest and bishop in Rome during the time of the Christian persecutions. The Roman Empire had a law that anyone who provided any sort of assistance to Christians would be put in jail. One day Saint Valen-

tine was caught marrying Christian couples and he was tossed in jail. While he was in jail, Saint Valentine had a chance meeting with the Emperor Claudius. You would imagine that the emperor of a kingdom persecuting Christians would not get along with a Christian bishop...but they did! Quite unexpectedly, Claudius and Saint Valentine became friends!

However, their friendship was short lived. Valentine tried to preach the Gospel to Claudius and it did not go over well. Saint Valentine was sentenced to death; he was beaten with clubs and then beheaded. Claudius and Valentine went from being enemies to friends

and then back to enemies rather quickly.

In Matthew 5:43-48 we hear Jesus tell us, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.* Saint Valentine seems to have done both—he loved and befriended this evil emperor and we can imagine he even prayed for him. Saint Valentine seems to have understood what Jesus meant when he said, “You therefore must be perfect, as your heav-

enly Father is perfect.” We are perfect only because we are in Christ. We are perfect because of Christ’s perfection. And since we are in Christ, we are not like the rest of the world—we are God’s people! Christ loves us even though we have no reason to be loved. Christ loves us not because of who we are, but because of who He is.

So, although Valentine’s Day has come and gone, we can look back on it and think of Saint Valentine, loving Emperor Claudius enough to befriend him and care for his salvation. And on Valentine’s Day, we think about how God’s love for us is not based on who we are, but rather on who He is!

## Membership Ministries

### Stewardship Ministry

In her Bible study “Jesus the One and Only,” Beth Moore writes: Beloved, I want you to hear something loud and clear: no matter what your “only” is, when you bring all of your “only” to Jesus, it’s huge! When we bring Him everything we have, He multiplies it beyond our wildest imagination. On the other hand, we can surrender Him “some” of our lot and it can dwindle to virtually nothing. I know of no other way to say it: Christ is into “whole” and “all,” not “half” and “some.”

### Mission for March

**St. Paul Day School Tuition Assistance Fund** will receive the special offering throughout the month of March. The Tuition Assistance Fund was established to help ensure that financially challenged families, both member and non-member, are able to obtain a Christian education for their children.

The fund distributed more than \$7,000 this school year in tuition assistance, helping a number of children who otherwise would not have attended St. Paul Day School. No one should be denied a Christian education at St. Paul because of financial issues.

Help make sure the St. Paul Tuition Assistance Fund stays funded so that more children can come to grow spiritually, physically and academically, in a Christ-centered learning environment.

### Giving Ministry

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving.** Our church offers this program which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. It is convenient and provides donation consistency for your church. To set up, pick up a form in the lobby and fill it out and drop off in the church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger at 248-584-3128.

### Adult Information

#### Membership Classes

These classes are designed to teach newcomers about the basics of the Christian faith from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. This 10 week course will cover such topics as, "The Bible", "The Ten Commandments", "Holy Baptism", "Holy Communion" and more. While many will take this class toward membership, the most important thing is developing a life-long love and pattern of worshipping Christ. Friends who are already members of another LCMS congregation are to contact their home church and request a "Letter of Transfer" to St. Paul. They are then encouraged (but not required) to take Pastor's Adult Information Class for refreshment through the Word and relationship building. Please call the church office, 248-541-0613 for the next scheduled dates of classes.



*“Building a Family of Followers”*

# Youth & Children Ministries

## CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMS

**High School Youth Bible Study,** Sundays, 9:30 a.m. in the church meeting room with Valerie Winston.

**'Impulse'** - Sr. High youth gather for an evening of fellowship. Sr. High begins at 6:00pm. Join us March 20th.

**Sunday School** for children age 3 through 8th grade can be dropped off to enjoy a time of music and learning about God's character, His Word and His contact with His people taught by various teachers. Parents who would like to learn the Bible stories that their children are learning on an adult level are invited to the adult *"Growing in Christ"* class pre-

sented by Brian Dumont. All classes are at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings over at the school.

## EARLY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **Cradle Roll**

An early step toward a Godly life is our focus for our Cradle Roll program for children from birth to 3 year olds. Parent's are provided with materials and resources on how to provide a God centered home for their families. When they reach 3 years of age they are invited to attend the Sunday School program.



Early steps to a Godly life!

### **Nursery**

Open to children 0-4 years old. Provides safe, loving care during the 8:15 am and

10:45 am worship services, and 9:30 am Bible Study. A changing table and chair for nursing are available for mothers of infants and toddlers. Anyone interested in volunteering in the nursery should sign up in the nursery or email Anne Sagan at [annesagan@yahoo.com](mailto:annesagan@yahoo.com) or call 248-546-5228.

### **Parents and Tots**

Meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the school latchkey room with Becky Mueller for a time of learning and sharing in Jesus' love together as a family.

**Need Moms, Help with the "Growing in Christ" program.** Mary Circle is seeking new mom's to continue this program by providing meals for our new moms in the first few days of being home from the hospital, sitting with the new baby if needed so mom can nap or shower, and provide general support and prayers. Contact: Kristine Dowhan @ 248-691-4238.

## Fellowship Ministry



**German Interest Group-** MARDI GRAS time is almost here! - the traditional last (costume) party before Lent begins. Karneval, the German version, will take place on Saturday, March 5 at Carpathia Hall in Sterling Heights. Details & sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Questions call Gloria Walter or Martha Smyth 313.893.8170 or [smythfam4@aol.com](mailto:smythfam4@aol.com).

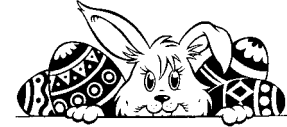
**Young Adults** meets at Vicar Trevor's house on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please talk with Vicar after services or drop in if you are interested in participating.

**ST. PAUL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - All are invited, March 13 after the 10:45 service in the lounge. Presented by the youth group of St. Paul. Funds raised will help with the youth trip to Appalachian Mountains. Please call Sue Tyler 313-815-5811 for questions.

**Council of Lutheran Women's 47th Anniversary Luncheon.** This year's honoree is **Connie Moulis** as St. Paul Lutheran's *Woman of the Year*. The luncheon will be held Tuesday, March 15 at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township at 11:15 a.m. with special guest speaker, Katie Stam, Miss America 2009 who will share, "My Faith, My Journey". Contact, Colleen Olsen at 248-202-4176 for any questions.

### **Gospel Choir at St. Paul, Royal Oak**

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 am worship service. Performing music from the African American sacred music tradition, the University of Dayton Ebony Heritage Singers, directed by Dr. Donna M. Cox, has wowed audiences throughout the mid-west. Performances are characterized as "spirited" and "energetic and inspiring." Each year, the ensemble tours the mid-west. This year's travel brings them to Michigan culminating at the morning worship of St. Paul Lutheran Church.



**Easter Egg Hunt and Visit with the Easter Bunny.** Join us on Saturday, April 23 at Grant Park, a couple of blocks from the church, for a *hopping good time!* Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Find the hidden eggs. Event is scheduled from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. All kids, big or small come and have some fun!!

**6th Annual Camping Trip-** Plan now and make reservations for our annual St. Paul camping trip. Fish, swim, hike! Location: Sleeper State Park in Caseville, MI the week of June 17-24. If you and your family would like to go, call Kristin Sharp at 248-583-9058. Also, please let her know if you want to order a T-Shirt.

## “A ‘Cinderella Story’ ”



It seems like every year as the “March Madness” of the NCAA basketball tournament begins, there is one team that gets labeled the “Cinderella story.” This is a team that advances much further than originally anticipated. It’s usually a team from a small school in an unknown conference. Just like in the fairy tale Cinderella, people expect the “favorites” to get the prize, not the unremarkable, plain or lowly person or team.

Many people like hearing a Cinderella story. We like to root for the underdog. But do we like to BE the underdog? Wouldn’t most of us rather be the “favorite”, the one people look up to and hold in high regard? The one that people call a “winner”? Doesn’t that sound better than being “lowly”?

[www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com) defines “lowly” as – “humble in station or condition; meek; low in growth or posi-

tion”. This is not a position many people in our culture would choose. But as Christians we know we are lowly sinners. God is ruler of all and exalted above all. Fortunately, we also know that God has a plan for us as lowly sinners. The verses below are just a few of the places in the Bible that we are reminded of this.

[Psalm 138:6](#) -Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;

[Proverbs 16:19](#) - Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

[Proverbs 29:23](#) - Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor.

[Ezekiel 21:26](#) -this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Take off the turban, remove the crown. It will not be as it was: The lowly will be exalted and the exalted will be brought low.

by Art Steiber, Congregation President

So as you’re watching the basketball games of March Madness and rooting for the underdog, rest assured that in the “game” of life, God has already decided the outcome. He sent His son so that we don’t have to wonder. We know that we will receive the prize of eternal life in Heaven.

*We like to root  
for the  
underdog.*

## Other News

### Thank You from Samaritan Purse



We would like to extend a very special thanks to your congregation for partnering with Samaritan's Purse in the work of Operation Christmas Child. In 2010, we were blessed to receive over 5.5 million shoe box gifts in the United States and nearly 2.7 million boxes from 11 other sending countries, bringing our total to some 8.2 million gifts for needy

children around the world!

The ultimate gift we want children to receive goes far beyond the colorfully-wrapped packages. That gift is the Good News of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Through our follow-up discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey," more children than ever before have the opportunity to hear about Jesus and commit their hearts to Him. We are especially excited that "The Greatest Journey" Bible course will be offered in 65 countries this year!

Thanks again for your partnership and your commitment to global missions. May God bless your service as you minister to others in His Name.

Please get calendar and news info from the web. You may also find archived editions as well. Check it out!

### Going Eco...

Our monthly newsletter, The Masthead, is now available on our website, under the NEWS tab, at [www.worshipdowntown.org](http://www.worshipdowntown.org). There will now be less paper monthly newsletters printed.

## Senior Ministries



Gathering together for some afternoon fun!

### 50 Plus

We get together once a month on the 3rd Monday to eat lunch and play some cards. Join us March 21 at 12:00pm in the church lounge. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee & tea provided. Plan to play cards and enjoy some fellowship.

### Bible Class

Join us on Monday, March 21 in the church lounge at 10:00 am. Currently we are studying “Parables” of the Bible with Pastor James Ackerman.

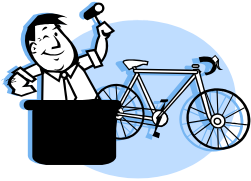
### Sr. Communion Service

Come to worship on March 16 at 11:00 a.m. and stay afterwards for lunch. If you are interested in helping with the luncheon contact the church office. Don't forget to join us for Bible class at 9:30 am before worship in the church lounge.

# School Ministry

## 2011 AUCTION

“Fit for Life in Christ!  
Body, Mind & Soul”



This year's auction planning is underway! This spectacular event will take place on **Saturday, April 2, 2011** at 5pm at the Royal Oak Elks Lodge (4th St. at I-75). This year's **special project** that the auction will benefit is **gymnasium/lunchroom beautification**. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please see full outline on the bulletin board in the church lobby or your monthly Masthead.

There are many ways in which you can help to make this a great event: work on a committee, all committees will have openings for volunteers, and we truly need your help to make this event a success. We will also need many volunteers the day and night of the auction, sign up sheets will be available as time approaches.

**Donations Needed:** talk to people you know who own businesses, offer services, etc.: your hairstylist, a clothing store you frequent, a service business, sporting tickets. Do you bake, teach, clean, cook, garden? Why not offer "cookie of the month", flower bed clean up, housecleaning or tutoring services? Donations can be in the form of a gift certificate, or merchandise. Donation receipts can be found on the St. Paul website or in the tower by the office.

**Volunteers...**All meetings will be Thursdays at 6:30pm. Dates: 3/3, 3/17, 3/31. Contact Laura Klein for more information 248-629-9633 or if you can't make these meetings.

### Thrivent Choice is here!

Thrivent members should have received a letter last summer telling them the 2010 estimated amount of their Thrivent Choice Dollars. Members eligible for "Choice Dollars" can help direct charitable dollars to St. Paul Lutheran School. Visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) to begin. Or, call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Log in or register. Click on the box Direct Choice Dollars. In the organization name box type St. Paul Lutheran School and click Direct Now. Then click on Set Up Recurring. When your bal-

ance reaches \$10 or more in your account your Choice Dollars will automatically be directed to St. Paul. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Kindergarten Round-Up** will take place on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Kindergarten room. A letter will be sent to all parents of kindergarten aged children of the congregation and those in our current preschool program. If you know of anyone who might be interested in a Christian education for their child, please contact the school office at 248-546-6555.

### Wanted: Actors and Actresses

St. Paul plans to present the musical "Fee, Fi, Fo Fum" on May 13th and 14th. We are looking for adults or high schoolers to play the parts of the Giant, Housekeeper, and Jack's Mother. Persons playing these roles would need to be able to attend the practices (Wednesdays and Fridays starting on March 10 - time is 3:30-5:30). If you are available and interested, please contact Mila Jackson at 248-548-8798 or call the school office.

### Fundraising Notes:

- **Box Tops For Education** are being collected in the office.

- These can be redeemed for school materials as well!
- **Market Day:** Flyers available in the church lobby monthly.
- **Help us** with items we already use while recycling at the same time. **Terracycle** will pay us .02 for every **Capri Sun wrapper** we send in. In addition, we joined the Elmer's glue brigade where terracycle will pay us .02 for each **Elmer's glue/glue stick container** we send in. There will be an all collection box in each classroom.
- We are waiting for an opening in the **Papermate** brigade, so let's start collecting **Sharpie, papermate, and Expo pens and markers** and as soon as they open more spaces to collect we will already be ahead of the game.
- **Campbell Labels** Thank you to everyone who has donated labels this year. This will certainly enhance our school's ability to provide a quality education which allows us to purchase equipment and such for our school. (Remember this school year, Campbell's now requires a UPC code and not the front label). You may leave them in the church/school offices.

# Bible Studies & Classes



## WEEKLY

**Sunday 9:30 am**

'Romans', with Kevin Calhoun, lounge

### **Adult Information Class**

aimed at becoming a member of St. Paul with Pastor Schultz & Vicar Trevor.

'Lutheranism 101', with Pastor Schultz & Vicar Trevor, sanctuary

'Growing in Christ' with Brian Dumont, school music room.

**Sunday School**, ages 3 to 8th grade, with various teachers, school building.

### Monday

**9:30 am-'Jesus, the One and Only'**, Lisa McNeal, lounge

**6:30 am-Wild at Heart**, Men's Study, Pastor Schultz, lounge

### Tuesday 7:00 pm

**Young Adults Bible Study**, with Vicar Trevor, 519 Troy St.

### Wednesday

**10:00 am 'Exodus' Bible Study**, church lounge, with Pastor Schultz and Vicar Trevor.

**3rd Wednesday**, Bible class is at 9:30 am for Sr. Com Worship at 10:00 am

**7:00 pm Grief Share** with Elder Dennis Walker, church meeting room.

## MONTHLY

**3rd Monday 10:00am**

'The Parables' with Pastor James Ackerman, in the church lounge.

**3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast**

## March Birthday's

(If we've missed listing your birthday, please call the church office)



<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/1 McClatchey, Rita Rutledge, Denise Steiber, Chris	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/8 Mills, Tianna	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/15 Milz, Zachary Muse, Katina	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/23 Canfield, Michael Lawrence, Peggy
<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/2 Lichtenberg, Clara Morey, Trevor	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/9 Limbaugh, Chester Loretitsch, Natasha	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/16 Ketelhut, Julia Lenz, Shirley Shields, Jen	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/24 Louwers, Owen Wetzel, Katherine
<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/3 Eising, Christina Nieman, Alesia White, Doris	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/10 Swartz, Ryan Wright, Richard	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/17 Bachleda, Michael Sagan, Isaak	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/25 Burch, Chris Geraci, Diane Schaner, Christopher
<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/4 Crossley, Christina Perks, Michael	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/11 Werner, Lee	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/18 Troub, Carsen	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/26 Cairns, Debra
<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/5 Berglund, Gloria Beyerlein, Kerry Bowlds, Sheila	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/12 Bachleda, Spencer Beyerlein, Barbara Morey, Nathan	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/20 Canfield, Judy Winston, Valerie	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/27 Fortney, Jacob
<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/6 Hoeft, Terry Mellado, Sarah	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/13 Poliski, Michael Sommerfeld, Jim Treuter, Whitney	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/21 Hamlin, David Mangold, Alison Meitzner, Todd	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/28 Drewek, Elizabeth
	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/14 Deprez, Zoe Milz, Daniel	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/22 Schaper, Eleanore	<b>Birthdate:</b> 3/31 McCaffrey, John Parks, Rob

## Gift's to Our Lord...*Memorials & Special Donations*

### St. Paul Church

*In Memory of Ed Patzer*

By Mary Lou Tyler, Sharon Jasima, M/M  
Michael Coffeen, M/M David Hamlin, Mrs.  
Betty Burrell, Ed, Sherry & Jane Patzer Jr.

*In Memory of Thomas Fortney*

By M/M John Beyerlein  
CEF Debt Reduction

*In Memory of Ed Patzer*

By M/M Donald Storck

### Pay-A-Bill

*In Memory of Herbert Huff*

By Dorothy Huff

### Garden Club

*In memory of Ed Patzer*

By Fred & Nancy Hynick, Cliff VanNest



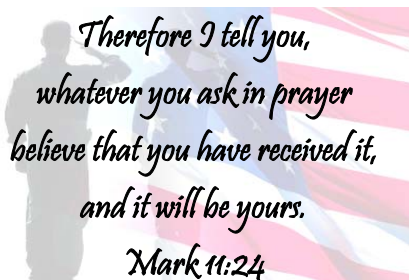
## Prayer's for Our Family and Friends Elizabeth Phillips (friend of the Manteuffel's)

Eula Boggess (grandmother of Nathan Deckard)  
 Amy Champ (granddaughter of Gerry Breyfogle)  
 Richard Firchau (nephew of Vi Petri)  
 Jeremy Gehrman (nephew of Jack & Rosalie Wendland)  
 Christine Geyer (daughter of the Woodruff's)  
 Father of Sandy Gostiaux  
 Josette Grant (friend of Kristine Dowhan)  
 Grant Haley (former student of Al & Ginny Manteuffel)  
 Trevor Harris (brother of Bryan Harris)  
 Shelby Hawke (friend of Will & Clara Lichtenberg)  
 David Herkowitz (friend of Alice Macey)  
 Joan & Harry, (health needs, friends of Cathy & Jim Sommerfeld)  
 Richard Kellogg (Jean Frincke's brother)  
 Patrice Kolbe (friend of Laura Zeile)  
 Arden Licht (friend of Jeanette Till)  
 Holly McKitrick (mother of Cheryl Schultz)  
 Bill Miller (step-father of Tim Woodward)  
 Jim Mumby (friend of the Beardsley's)  
 Charles Muse, Jr. (father of Charles Muse)  
 Jim & Joan Noffert, (health needs, brother & sister-in-law of Cathy Sommerfeld, )  
 Earl Parmalee (father of Sandy Gostiaux)  
 Karl Payk (father of Collette Kehr)  
 Matthew & Kerri Penchuck (cancer, friends of Cathy & Jim Sommerfeld)

Ed Poszwa (father-in-law of Melinda Poszwa, relative of Pat Gillespie)  
 Paul Poszwa (son-in-law of Pat Gillespie)  
 Celeste Prudhomme (friend of Joline Bowdich)  
 Karen Raime (cousin of Ross Pomroy)  
 Gloria Rice (friend of Jeanenne Radabaugh)  
 Mike Ridge (brother of Gloria Walter)  
 Kris Ryan (friend of Dave & Nancy Beardsley)  
 Linda Scalzi (remission, sister of Jean Valdes)  
 Rev. David Schneider (Eyla Russ' brother)  
 Lloyd Schultz (father of Jim Schultz)  
 Ebony Sharpley  
 Father of Chris Steiber  
 Robert Stephens (cancer, friend of the Strainovici's)  
 Bob Straub, (kidney dialysis, friend of Jim & Cathy Sommerfeld)  
 Mike Tom (friend of Shirley & Scott Wetzel)  
 Brad Swegles, (cancer diagnosis, friend of Tim Lowe)  
 Vimla Newton (mother of David Newton)  
 John Wallace (brother of Chris Schultz)  
 Jean Watterson (mother of Lynn Gardner)  
 Daniel Weber (friend of Amie Owens)  
 Judy Weller, (health needs, previous member of St. Paul)  
 Leslie Wharton, (cancer, friend of Eric & Jodi Mueller)

## Prayer's for Our Military Family and Friends

Earle Arnold	Chris Keck
Joshua Armon	Brandon Newton
Eric Banker	Kristine Pate
Kris Berceli	Jeremy Rudd
Paul Bowdich	Scott Rutledge
Gene Bunton	Heidi Selby
Robert Clark	Rockey Sparks
Ben Eberly	
Sam Eskew	
Tirzah Eskew	
Jeff Follett	
Pam Harrington	
Ryan Hart	
Thomas Herzberg	
John Hunter	



## About Us...

### Worship Schedule

Sunday, 8:15 a.m.  
 Sunday, 10:45 a.m.  
 Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sr. Com Service (3rd Wednesday)  
 11:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel (Wednesday's)  
 8:30 a.m.  
*Please call, 248-541-0613 for special holiday services*

### Contact Us

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[Info@mylutheranschool.org](mailto:Info@mylutheranschool.org)  
 Church Hours 8:30am-4:30pm  
 School Hours 8:00am-4:00pm

### Financial Report 1/30-2/21

General Fund	\$53,089.91
Dedicated	\$ 1,354.25
CEF Debt Reduction	\$ 556.00

### Attendance Report 1/25-2/21

(Communion) Includes Christmas

Members	1,375	(517)
Guests	<u>123</u>	_____
Totals	1,498	(517)

### Member Matters

#### Directory Changes:

Jason Bock, 20202 Cheasapeake Circle, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

#### Transferred Out:

Bill & Sandy Sinischo



# Lent & Easter Spotlight

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

### Midweek Lent

Services will be at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Dinners served Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm

Week 1 – Ash Wednesday Potluck, Women’s Guild, Lounge

Week 2 – Lent 2 Spaghetti Dinner, PTL, School Gym

Week 3 – Lent 3 Bake Potato Bar & Salad Dinner, 8th Grade Class, Lounge

Week 4 – Lent 4 Swedish Meatball Dinner, Elders of St. Paul, Lounge

Week 5 – Lent 5 German Dinner, German Interest Group, Lounge

Week 6 – Lent 6 Chicken Strata Dinner, Chancel Choir, Lounge

### Midweek Service Themes

March 9        *“The Puzzling Feasts of the Old Testament”*

March 16      *“Rosh Hashanah” (The New Year)*

March 23      *“Yom Kippur” (The Day of Atonement)*

March 30      *“Purim” (Festival of Lots)*

April 6        *“Sukkot” (Festival of Booths)*

April 13       *“Pesach” (Passover)*

### Holy Week

April 17      **Palm Sunday**  
8:15am St. Matthew Passion & 10:45am

April 21      **Maundy Thursday**  
11:00am & 7:00pm Holy Communion Both Services

April 22      **Good Friday**  
*Tre-Ore* 12:00pm–3:00pm  
*Tenebrae* 7:00pm

April 23      **Easter Egg Hunt** 10:00am-12:00pm, Grant Park

April 24      **Easter Sunday**  
6:30am (Sunrise), 8:15am, 10:45am  
Holy Communion All Services  
Easter Morning Breakfast, Lounge