

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 am

April 28, 2024



Easter People Proclaim

**AS WE GATHER**

How far can the human voice travel? Scientists tell us that the normal outdoor range for an adult voice traveling through still air is about 180 meters or 590 feet. Communication in Silbo, a whistled language of Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the Canary Islands, can travel five miles under ideal conditions. The sound of a voice traveling across still water at night can range up to 10.5 miles. Voices can carry! The message that the voices carry is what is most important. The spoken message about Jesus shared by Philip the deacon with the Ethiopian stranger made an eternal difference in that man's life. The words that we speak and the messages that we share are of great importance and have the divine potential to "spread the reign of God the Lord" (*LSB* 830:1).

**WELCOME** — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**RINGING OF THE BELL****Preservice Music with Guest Artist Cary Kocher / Vibraphonist**

## 905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - mighty - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5*

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

**People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

**People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

**People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**People: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: O Lord, who sent Philip with Good News about You for the Ethiopian eunuch,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Christ, who are Yourself the full manifestation of the love of God for all people,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: O Lord, who tenderly invites us to abide in You as You promise to abide in us,

**People: have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 8:26-40 (Philip is sent to meet the Ethiopian eunuch to tell him the Good News about Jesus)*

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## I Love to Tell the Story

### Verse 1

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory  
Of Jesus and His love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do

### Chorus

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

### Verse 2

I love to tell the story  
More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies  
Of all our golden dreams  
I love to tell the story  
It did so much for me  
And that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee

### Chorus

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

### Verse 3

I love to tell the story  
'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own holy Word

### Chorus

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

### Verse 4

I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting

To hear it like the rest  
 And when in scenes of glory  
 I sing the new new song  
 'Twill be the old old story  
 That I have loved so long

Chorus  
 I love to tell the story  
 'Twill be my theme in glory  
 To tell the old old story  
 Of Jesus and His love

## Epistle

*1 John 4:7-11*

*(God is love.)*

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

*Please Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:1-8*

*(Jesus is the vine. We are the branches.  
 Abide in him and abide in love.)*

**15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have

spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



*Please Sit*



## 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

**Sermon** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
 That saved a wretch like me  
 I once was lost but now I'm found  
 Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
 And grace my fears relieved  
 How precious did that grace appear  
 The hour I first believed

## Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
 My God my Savior has ransomed me  
 And like a flood His mercy rains  
 Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
 His word my hope secures  
 He will my shield and portion be  
 As long as life endures

## Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
 My God my Savior has ransomed me  
 And like a flood His mercy rains  
 Unending love amazing grace (2X)

## Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
 The sun forbear to shine  
 But God who called me here below  
 Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine

You are forever mine

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, You are greater than all and have been given the name that is above every name. Grant us discernment to test all spirits. Tune our hearts to listen to Your voice and draw us away from the voices that clamor to deceive us according to the spirits of this age. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Good Shepherd, Your Word is true and Your love is greater than any power on earth. Fill with Your love [*Matthew Harrison*], our Synod president; [*David Davis*], our District President; [*Mark Schumm*], our Circuit Visitor, and all those who speak in Your name to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious King, Your kingdom is greater than all, and Your rule is limitless and unbounded. Grant that the rulers of the kingdoms of this world would bow their knees to Your gracious reign, seeking only the knowledge of Your will and the power to carry it out. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great Physician, Your healing power is greater than all the technology of human invention. Be at work for good through the vocations of all healthcare professionals, workers, and caregivers that those who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [*including . . .*], would know the nearness of Your presence and experience the joy that comes from abiding in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

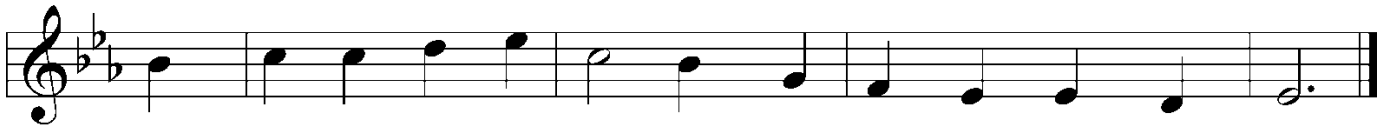
**People: Amen.**

## THE INVITATIONS

### 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our Living Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



**Need some PRAYER?** Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

**Our Vision** — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



## **WHERE WE SERVE**

*Preacher*

*Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

*Officiant*

*Pastor Jim Frusti*

*Family Life Director*

*Jeanette Koch*

*Music Director/Organist*

*Paul Ventimiglia*

*Elder*

*John Hasse*

*Guest Artist*

*Cary Kocher / Vibraphonist*

*Reader*

*Mark Ernst*

*Welcome Center*

*Pat McGuigan*

*Counters*

*Melissa Raikes*

*Kathy Verseman*

*Dennis Verseman*

*Ushers*

*John Hasse*

*Charleen Hill*

*Bob McGuigan*

*Pat McGuigan*

*Acolyte*

*James Yount*

*Greeters*

*Henning Family*

*Tech Team*

*Steve Martens*

*Coffee Hour*

*Elders*

## **News & Notes**

### ***Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities***

***SUNDAYS:*** Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

***WEDNESDAYS:*** Women's Bible Study @9:30am – Parish Hall

***SATURDAYS:*** Men's Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 4.21. 2024 – Attendance - 8:30am –103 + 11:00am – 64 = 167  
Communion –131

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808,

Received week of 4.21.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$10,237- total includes online giving  
School – \$1,666.45

Memorial gifts have been made to the Saint Paul General Fund Memorials from Tom and Sue Poole and  
from Janet Wisner in memory of Donna Thomas. A gift has been made to the Saint Paul Music Fund from  
Linda Johnson in memory of Donna Thomas.

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ted Schultz  
Cambrian Senior Living  
52365 10 Mile #128  
South Lyon, MI 48178

### *Altar Flowers*



*In memory of her husband John's birthday from Ruth Natiu.*

*Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service*

28	APR, SUN	●	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		●	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		●	9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		●	9:45 – 10:30am	7th/8th grade Confirmation room #3
		●	11am – 12pm	Worship
		●	12 – 1pm	VBS Meeting -Parish Hall
		●	7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
29	APR, MON	●	8am – 5pm	CLW Meeting Parish Hall church parish hall
1	MAY, WED	●	8:30 – 11am	CINTAS FIRE INSPECTIONS
		●	6:30 – 7:30pm	Newcomers Group - Parish Hall
3	MAY, FRI	●	7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
4	MAY, SAT	●	9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall



# National Day of Prayer PANCAKE



*Come Eat and Pray*

**FREE**

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**CHAPEL @ 9AM** **CHAPEL @ 9AM**

*Breakfast*

**ALL ARE WELCOME** **ALL ARE WELCOME**

*Prayer Stations* *Prayer Stations*

**THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024**  
**7AM - 9AM BREAKFAST**  
**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**201 Elm St Northville, MI**  
**CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6PM FOR PRAYER**



[stpaulnorthville.org](http://stpaulnorthville.org)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**SINGING, BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, & GAMES**  
**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTHVILLE**  
**201 ELM ST**  
**STARTS SUNDAY JUNE 16TH - WITH CHICKEN DINNER KICK OFF**  
**@ 5:30 - 8:00 SINGING, BIBLE STORY & FATHER'S DAY CRAFT**  
**MONDAY JUNE 17TH - THURSDAY JUNE 20TH**  
**9AM - NOON**  
**register @ [vbspro.events/p/stpaulcampfirelight](http://vbspro.events/p/stpaulcampfirelight)**







## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **DETROIT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE BOOTS ON THE GROUND**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SERVICE DAY**

**WHEN:** May 11 9 am – 1 pm

**WHERE:** 19370 Greenfield, Detroit 48235

**WHAT:** Outside grounds clean up

**BRING:** Rakes, clippers, trimmers, etc., and especially a chain saw if you have one. Remember to bring work gloves.



**QUESTIONS:** Contact Pat McGuigan (734) 718-8597 /pking1252@gmail.com



### **OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Our first new members of 2024 are Les and Sharon Pederson. They moved to Northville about 2 years ago and have been attending St. Paul for quite some time now. They decided to make St. Paul their new church home and requested a transfer from Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford.

Look for their pictures on the new member bulletin board. We look forward to getting to know them better and welcoming them to our St. Paul family.

During the month of April, Women in Christ will be highlighting LWML grant 7 for Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker. This grant is \$20,000, and it will enable Michigan women in the Concordia University System to use their gifts in service for the LCMS in professional church work. Please help LWML reach their mission grant goals by filling a MITE box and returning it to the church.



#### **\$\$\$\$ Endowment Fund News \$\$\$\$**

The grant application window for 2024 is now open from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>! Our 2023 year end balance is **\$89,129.90** which generates **\$4450** in grant dollars available for 2024. We are headed into our third year of grants and here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has done thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- \$450 Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction

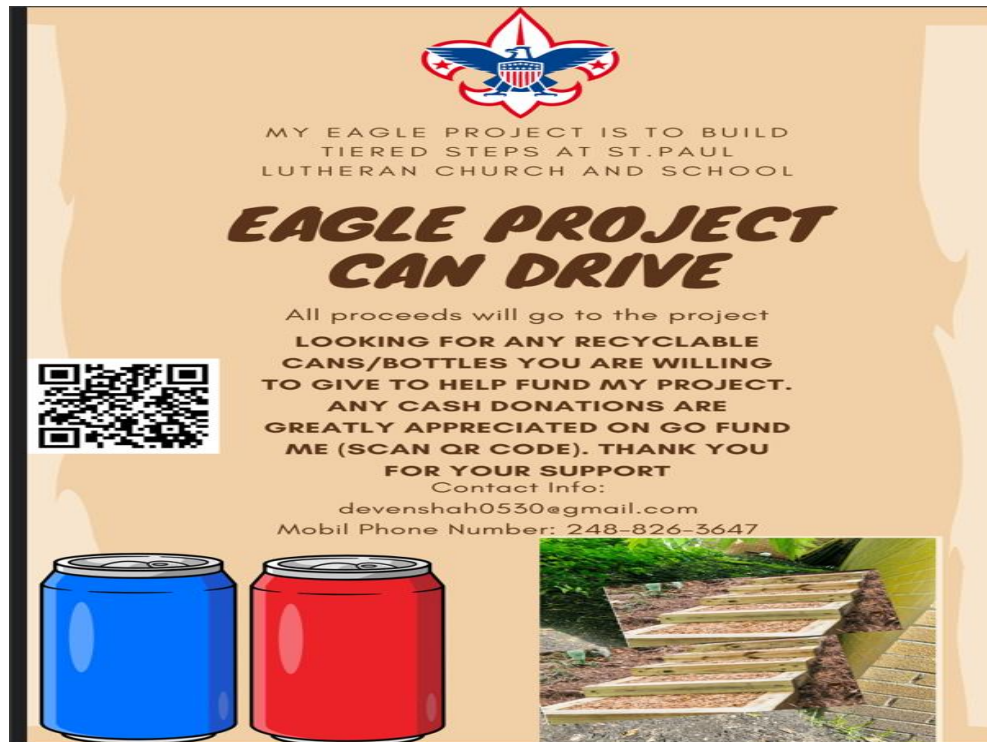
Grant applications are available in the school office, or the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you to everyone that attended our shred event in March. We were able to collect \$250 in free will donations.



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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Just a couple dates available. May 19 one vase, June 30 one vase. If you would like to purchase a vase please call Valeria Krause. 734-464-4188 and leave a message.

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Call, Email or use the Go Fund Me Link - <https://gofund.me/c4abdf9d>

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Guatemala Eyeglass Mission In the early hours of Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, the St. Paul Guatemala mission team returned safely from their mission to Zacapa, Guatemala. God blessed the St. Paul team and our 5 other team members from congregations in Northern Michigan and Washington state with a very successful mission. Despite the heat (reaching 106 degrees at one point!) we were able to serve 482 people and dispense 660 pairs of glasses. The team wishes to thank the St. Paul congregation for all the prayers and support without which the mission could not have been accomplished. You can read more about the mission on the team blog at <https://mostteam2423.wordpress.com/>



We, the members of the Auction Committee, would like to thank our sponsors, our congregation, our school families, and our Church and School staff, and all our volunteers for making our Storybook Gala a success! Your generosity of time, talent, and dollars has made our goal of supporting our St. Paul Northville Lutheran School possible! Anyone looking in at our event at Suburban Showcase saw a lovely room full of folks having a fun evening. We saw a miracle, made possible by your loving generous hearts!

Great Night Downtown for the **Family of God Mission Meal** 4.17.24- Fed about 80 people and a total of **125** plates of food. We took brownies (thank you church family) homemade pierogies, meatballs and gravy, pulled pork sandwiches, garden salads, pasta salads, potato salads, coleslaw, a great variety of desserts, including Pastor Hill's favorite banana pudding (he got his own pan) - made by a friend of mine- chips and drinks! Such a blessing to be able to serve! Glad to be able to have my friends enjoy a night of giving and for my church family to be so supportive ! Everyone is welcome to help with these meals, need more information? Give the church office a call- Love Margo 248-349-3140



**Lutheran Choralaires Spring Concert in support of Concordia University Ann Arbor** The Lutheran Choralaires, a men's chorus under the direction of noted Detroit area composer and arranger Terry Herald, will present their annual Spring Concert entitled "*What Wondrous Love is This*" on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154). Tickets are not necessary, however there will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will go to support the Concordia University Ann Arbor Music Department and Students In Need funds. For further information email [info@lutheranchoralaires.org](mailto:info@lutheranchoralaires.org), or visit [www.lutheranchoralaires.org](http://www.lutheranchoralaires.org)