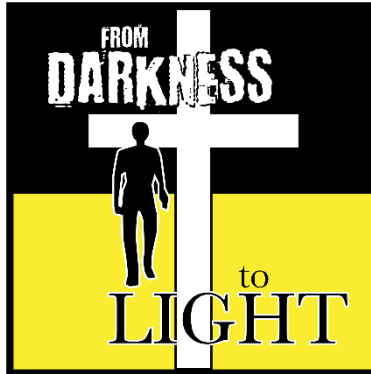


**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

11:00 am

March 15, 2026

*Eyes to See***AS WE GATHER**

In the season of Lent, we follow Jesus, moving ever closer to His Passion and cross. By listening to His Word and receiving His body and blood, we learn to see Him rightly. In the Old Testament Reading, Israel is shown to be a failure as God's servant: "He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear" (Isaiah 42:20). Israel is blind and deaf to the truth. God's true servant is the One who suffers (see Isaiah 52–53). That Suffering Servant will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. In the Epistle, believers are called "children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) and called to walk in the Light. Believers walk in the Light who is Christ (John 9:5) as they wait for His glory to be fully revealed: "when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you'" (Ephesians 5:13–14).

**PRELUDE MUSIC with Guest Artist Michele Ramo / Mandolin & Violin****WELCOME** – Pastor Jim Frusti**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **O Sing to the Lord**

O sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

O sing to our God, o sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

Oh sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,

and sing to our God, and sing to our God.

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit,

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit,

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit,

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

*(In Spanish)*

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,

¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

For Jesus is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
 For Jesus is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
 For Jesus is the Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
 Oh, sing to our God, Oh sing to our God.

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 142:1*

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

**People: with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.**

*Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we were born in utter sin. To this day and by nature, we have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear. We have trusted in the things we have made rather than You. Our thoughts, words, and actions have been unfruitful and dark. We have been blind to our sin, but You have seen it. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus is the light of the world and your salvation. He has enlightened you with His gifts and given you ears to hear Jesus' words. It is He who is speaking to you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve judgment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs. Give us new eyes, that we may see Your merciful goodness and give thanks for all the ways Your light scatters our darkness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## 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

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  
  
 To tell the old old story  
 Of Jesus and His love

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Isaiah 42:14–21*    (The Lord will lead His people in a new way, turning darkness into light.)

<sup>14</sup> He will say, "I have long been silent;  
 yes, I have restrained myself.  
 But now, like a woman in labor,  
 I will cry and groan and pant.  
<sup>15</sup> I will level the mountains and hills  
 and blight all their greenery.  
 I will turn the rivers into dry land  
 and will dry up all the pools.  
<sup>16</sup> I will lead blind Israel down a new path,  
 guiding them along an unfamiliar way.  
 I will brighten the darkness before them  
 and smooth out the road ahead of  
 them. Yes, I will indeed do these things;  
 I will not forsake them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

<sup>17</sup> But those who trust in idols, who say,  
 'You are our gods,' will be turned away in  
 shame.  
<sup>18</sup> "Listen, you who are deaf! Look and see,  
 you blind! <sup>19</sup> Who is as blind as my own  
 people, my servant? Who is as deaf as my  
 messenger? Who is as blind as my  
 chosen people, the servant of the Lord?  
<sup>20</sup> You see and recognize what is right  
 but refuse to act on it. You hear with  
 your ears, but you don't really listen."  
<sup>21</sup> Because he is righteous, the Lord has  
 exalted his glorious law.

**EPISTLE READING** *Ephesians 5:8–14* (The Lord positions us to walk as children of light)

Reader: <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

**People:** <sup>13</sup> **But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,<sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 9:1–41*

(Jesus heals a man born blind.)

Reader: As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

**People:** <sup>2</sup> **“Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”**

Reader: <sup>3</sup> “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.<sup>4</sup> We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.<sup>5</sup> But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes.<sup>7</sup> He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! <sup>8</sup> His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other,

**People:** **“Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?”<sup>9</sup> Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!”**

**But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!”**

**<sup>10</sup> They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?”**

**Reader:** <sup>11</sup> He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”

<sup>12</sup> “Where is he now?” they asked. “I don’t know,” he replied.

<sup>13</sup> Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees,<sup>14</sup> because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. <sup>15</sup> The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!”

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said,

**People:** **“But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?”**

**Reader:** So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

<sup>17</sup> Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?”

The man replied, “I think he must be a prophet.”

**Reader:** <sup>18</sup> The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents. <sup>19</sup> They asked them, “Is this your son? Was he born blind? If so, how can he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents replied,

**People:** **“We know this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we don’t know how he can see or who healed him. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself.”**

Reader: <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who had announced that anyone saying Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue.<sup>23</sup> That's why they said, "He is old enough. Ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, "God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner."

**People:** <sup>25</sup> **"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"**

Reader: <sup>26</sup> "But what did he do?" they asked. "How did he heal you?"

**People:** <sup>27</sup> **"Look!" the man exclaimed. "I told you once. Didn't you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"**

Reader: <sup>28</sup> Then they cursed him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! <sup>29</sup> We know God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from." <sup>30</sup> "Why, that's very strange!" the man replied. "He healed my eyes, and yet you don't know where he comes from? <sup>31</sup> We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. <sup>32</sup> Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it."

Reader: <sup>34</sup> "You were born a total sinner!" they answered. "Are you trying to teach us?" And they threw him out of the synagogue.

### ***Spiritual Blindness***

<sup>35</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man & asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him." <sup>37</sup> "You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!"

<sup>38</sup> “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. <sup>39</sup> Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.”

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

**People:** <sup>41</sup> **“If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.**

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.**

### **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You.  
I want to see You. (2x)

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You.  
I want to see You. (2x)

To see You high and lifted up,  
 Shining in the light of Your glory.  
 Pour out Your power and love,  
 As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Holy, Holy, Holy  
 I want to see You.  
 (2x)

To see You high and lifted up,  
 Shining in the light of Your glory.  
 Pour out Your power and love,  
 As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
 Open the eyes of my heart.  
 I want to see You.  
 I want to see You. (2x)

**MESSAGE** – Pastor Jim Frusti

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: As children of light, we cry out to the Lord who sees us and hears us, and deals bountifully with us in our time of need:

Lord of Light, in Your Son You brought light into this dark world. Bless all pastors and church workers, especially those who minister to those who are deaf and blind, that they faithfully point us to all that is good and right and true, and that we discern what is pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, bringing us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to walk as children of light, that Your works be displayed in us while it is still day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Patient Lord, in the face of deep darkness, You remain slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Give us Your patience in our encounters with the darkness, that we graciously and fearlessly lead those who are blinded by sin back to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Sovereign Lord, You are our refuge and portion in the land of the living. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us. Open their eyes to see the needs of Your people and Your creation. Help them to establish laws that are good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, You deliver those who cry to You from the darkness of pain, sickness, and grief. Visit all who are in need and struggling to see beyond what is before them, [*especially . . .*]. Bring them Your light and Your peace. Hide them in Your shelter and restore to them the joy of being Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: shine on us.**

Pastor: Believing that Jesus truly is the light who overcomes all darkness, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

*Stand*

## Offertory



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

Father, let your kingdom come.  
 Father, let your will be done  
 On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.  
 Father, let your will be done  
 On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
 Forgive us, forgive us  
 As we forgive the ones who sinned  
 Against us; forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from the evil one.  
 Let your kingdom come.

Father, let your kingdom come.  
 Father, let your will be done  
 On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.  
 Father, let your will be done  
 On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

It's yours, it's yours,  
 All yours, all yours.  
 The kingdom, the power,  
 The glory are yours.

It's yours, it's yours,  
 All yours, all yours.  
 Forever and ever

The kingdom is yours.

Father, let your kingdom come.  
 Father, let your will be done  
 On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.  
 Father, let your will be done  
 On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

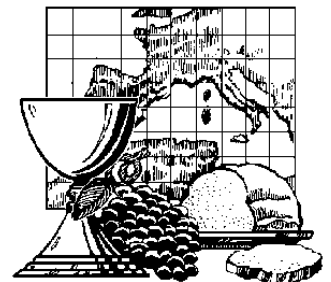
## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++



## Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say,  
 "Thy strength indeed is small.  
 Child of weakness, watch and pray.  
 Find in Me...Thine all in all."

*Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe.  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find  
 Thy power and Thine alone,  
 Can change the leper's spots,  
 And melt the heart of stone.

*Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe.  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne  
 I stand in Him complete,

Jesus died my soul to save  
 My lips shall still repeat.

*Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe.  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow.

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt  
 and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt  
 and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt  
 and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt  
 and raised this life up from the dead.

Jesus!

## 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.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for opening our eyes through this salutary gift. Help us to walk as children of light, with our eyes ever toward You in faith and toward one another with love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

**People:** **With eyes now open, and ears to hear our Lord, we say, “Amen!”**

## THE INVITATIONS

### Oh Death

You said my fate was sealed  
 You said my days were numbered  
 Case closed with no appeal  
 My future’s six feet under

Messing with my head in ghost fashion  
 My heart was holding its breath  
 Terrified of taking my last one  
 Oh death you scared me to death

### Pre-Chorus

Whoa you ain’t my King though  
 Whoa where did your sting go

### Chorus

(Oh death)  
 I will not be afraid  
 In the end you will lose  
 I will dance on your grave  
 With the one who buried you

You ain’t nothin’ but a stone  
 That my Savior rolled away  
 Set you straight and set me free  
 Oh death you are dead to me

Oh death you are dead to me

### Verse 2

My faith don’t flinch at your wrath  
 Devil go’on get off of my shoulder  
 You thought you had the last laugh  
 You thought this song was over

### Pre-Chorus

Whoa you ain’t my King though  
 Whoa where did your sting go

### Chorus

(Oh death)  
 I will not be afraid  
 In the end you will lose  
 I will dance on your grave  
 With the one who buried you

You ain’t nothin’ but a stone  
 That my Savior rolled away  
 Set you straight and set me free  
 Oh death you are dead to me  
 Oh death you are dead to me

**Bridge**

Yea though I walk  
Through the valley of the shadow of you  
I know I'm just passing through (2X)

**Chorus**

(Oh death)  
I will not be afraid  
In the end you will lose  
I will dance on your grave  
With the one who buried you

You ain't nothin' but a stone  
That my Savior rolled away  
Set you straight and set me free  
Oh death you are dead to me (2X /  
Chorus)

Yea though I walk  
Through the valley of the shadow of you  
I know I'm just passing through (2X)

Yea though I walk  
Through the valley of the shadow of you  
... Oh death you are dead to me

**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 Jim Frusti
Officiant	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Reader	Joanne Bandoni
Guest Artist:	Michele Ramo / Mandolin & Violin
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Greeter	Treder Family
Ushers	Craig Miller Christine Lewis
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Tech Team	Doug Towner
Acolyte	Tyler Hughes
Welcome Center Altar Society	Kara Patterson Sue Poole Karen Frusti

**Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church 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: 3.8.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 102 + 11:00am – 63 = 165

Communion - 71

Received week of 3.8.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$17,721** total includes online giving **School - \$875**

**Remember Our Homebound – NEW ADDRESS**

Ann Cook  
1823 Crooks Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48309

## *Altar Flowers*



*In appreciation of the St. Paul Church and school staff.*

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

15	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Mission Trip Bible Study- room #1
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 12 – 2pm	YOUTH OPEN GYM
		● 2 – 5pm	Mission Trip Meeting- Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
16	MAR, MON	● All day	Set up Auction Event- Gym and Kitchen
17	MAR, TUE	● All day	Set up Auction Event- Gym and Kitchen
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 6 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
18	MAR, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner Kitchen 2-5pm 7354 Whittaker St
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Lenten Dinner- Parish Hall
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball - Gym
		● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Worship Service
19	MAR, THU	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball - Gym
20	MAR, FRI	● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. -Kitchen Rental
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
21	MAR, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. -Kitchen Rental
		● 5 – 8pm	MOVIE NIGHT

For the month of March, Women In Christ is highlighting an LWML mission grant that provides funds to assist in the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train in the amount of \$18,000. The Orphan Grain Train has volunteers in 27 locations across the United States who gather clothes and other relief supplies for destitute people around the world. Their motto is "Sharing resources and bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near." Please keep the Orphan Grain Train in your prayers.

---

Everyone is invited to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon of the Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. This year's luncheon will be held at the Mirage, 16980 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038. RESERVATIONS are \$38.00 per person, which includes a \$2.00/person donation to seminarians and CLW-supported food banks. NOTE: Seating is at tables of 10. Reservations are now being accepted and will be via Zeffy. The link to the Zeffy reservation will be available on the CLW website. Please let Sue or Barbara know if you are registering to go, we would like to fill a table and plan on riding together. Thank you.

---

## Lent Schedule 2026

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**NOON LENT SERVICES – PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- FARMINGTON HILLS**

**LUNCH AFTER SERVICES**

3/18, 3/25

**7PM LENT SERVICES - ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH- NORTHVILLE**

**5:30PM LENT DINNER**

3/18, 3/25

---

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 3/29/2026 - 8:30AM-9:30AM**

**PALM SUNDAY 3/29/2026– 10AM SERVICE**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 4/02/2026– 7PM SERVICE**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 4/03/2026– 1PM & 7PM SERVICES**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/05/2026 – 8:30AM & 11:00AM SERVICES**

---

As you may have seen the notice in the bulletin about the Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon, I hope you have placed your reservation to join us. We would like to have an in-gathering of socks. All sizes for men, women and children. We will collect them for 3 weeks and take them down to the luncheon with us. The end purpose will be for the missions of Gifts for all God's Children, Family of God and Elli's House. Please be sure to have them to church by Sunday March 22. Any questions, please contact Sue or Barbara. Thank you.



[www.facebook.com/stpaulnorthville](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulnorthville)

LIKE. COMMENT. ENGAGE.



[splschoollnorthville](https://www.instagram.com/splschoollnorthville)



**Part-time custodian needed for the school.** Hours would be Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm-8pm but time is some what flexible. Call the school /church for more information. 248-349-3140.

Join us for a festive **St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner & Raffle** in support of our school! Bringing authentic Irish flair to the celebration, the evening will feature a special performance by **The O'Saint McPauley Singers & Pipers**

This Fun, FAMILY-FRIENDLY event is a great way to enjoy good food, and celebrate the spirit of the holiday *While helping raise funds for our school community!* Enjoy a hearty menu featuring traditional Corned Beef with cabbage and carrots, freshly baked Irish Soda Bread, a fully loaded Baked Potato Bar (Tater tots for kids), and delicious desserts to end the evening on a sweet note.

We hope to see you there—**Come hungry and leave Smilin!**

**DATE: Tuesday, March 17th**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**LOCATION: School Gym**

**Cost: Free Will Donation**

**RAFFLE: Live**



QR Code for St Paul Northville School Givebutter Fundraiser page

On phone, open camera, hover over QR Code, small writing in yellow will appear withing parenthesis.

Click on yellow writing, page will open!

**MARCH MOVIE NIGHT  
IT'S FREE  
SATURDAY MARCH 21 @ 5:00 PM**



**PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN**  
Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go enjoy a night out.  
Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director  
248-349-3146 EXT 13- OFFICE  
248-974-3323 CELL  
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

**STOP BY THE FAIR @ THE EASTER FAIR  
OR  
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

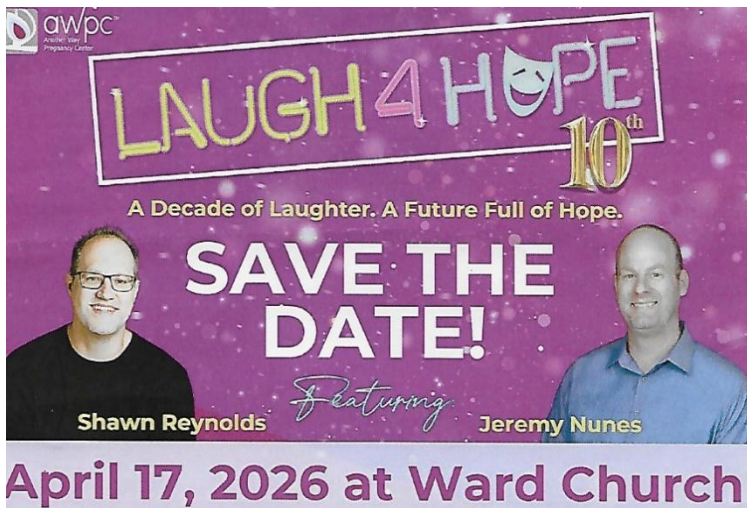


## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

hosted by Confirmation Students

Come enjoy breakfast before 10am  
Church Service

*March 29, 2026 @ 8:30 am*



## AWPC COMEDY SHOW IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17 AT WARD CHURCH.

St. Paul will once again have a section reserved so we can sit together.

We are eligible for a group discount and if you purchase tickets from Pat McGuigan you

will only pay \$15 each. The deadline to get tickets from her at the group rate is April 5 (Easter Sunday). You can pay with cash or check but if you pay by check, write it out to Pat McGuigan.

Hope you can make it and enjoy an evening of laughter and fellowship.



Tuesday, March 3rd, another meal was taken and served at FOG in Southeast Detroit. The group was on the smaller side with about 70 meals being served. The boiler is scheduled to be replaced but it didn't happen yet so it was a bit nippy. Pastor Jim continues to recover from his stroke at home and we pray for a complete recovery. Once again it was a group effort putting the meal together with Sue Poole doing the organizing. The menu was Chicken Tetrazzini, salad, rolls, a variety of deserts, fruit and drinks. Thank you to everyone who helped provide this meal for our friends in Southwest Detroit.

The servers had a challenge getting underway as a police car blocked the eastbound ramp at M-14 and Sheldon and had to go west to Beck Road, turn around and get back on 14. Once past I-275 things went very smoothly and arrival was on time. I guess this was just practice for the start of construction season when you never know which road is going to be open until you get there. The next meals scheduled are Wednesday, March 18 and Tuesday, April 7.

The Easter Fair is right around the corner on Saturday, March 28 (less than 3 weeks). Will you help?

We have the Easter Bunny, face painter, balloon twister and are working on a lot of other things. To make it a success though, we need your help.

SignUp Genius\* has been sent out. There will also be a sign-up board in the hall so choose whichever method you like and we will coordinate the two.

We love to have youth volunteers who are willing to commit to 2 hours of service where needed during the event. If you need service hours, this would be an opportunity for you.

We will also need donations of candy and small prizes. There will be a box for these in the hall.

\*If you do not receive the SignUp Genius, please let Pat McGuigan know so you can be added to the list.



Friday 3.6.26 the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class of **Guardian Lutheran School of Dearborn** came to learn about the Blessing Bag Street Ministry and make bags (with supplies they had brought) including hand written notes of encouragement. The children did such a great job! They listened to a short presentation and had a question and answer time- the biggest hit was getting to try on the "Sleeping Bag Coat". It is wonderful to partner with other churches to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters who live on the streets of Detroit.

