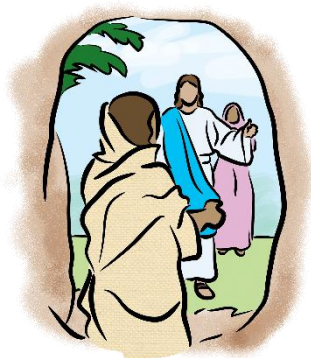


FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 am

March 22, 2026



I AM the Resurrection!
From Death to Life

AS WE GATHER

Accounts of life coming out of death are found throughout the Bible. We remember the story of the Valley of Dry Bones, which is celebrated in a familiar spiritual song that ends with this refrain: "Now hear the word of the Lord!" Our Lord Jesus Christ has words for us to hear—important, eternal words. In today's Gospel we hear Him say: "I am the resurrection and the life!" Life came out of death for Lazarus and, by God's gracious action, it does for us as well.

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

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

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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. As a called and ordained servant of 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord and giver of life, You call Your people from death and despair to faith and faithfulness. In Christ, we are assured of resurrection and life. Enlighten our hearts that we may have a right understanding in all things and may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your Word among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

Were You There*Joyful Ringers***Old Testament** *Ezekiel 37:1–14**(The valley of dry bones)*

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*Joyful Ringers***Epistle** *Romans 8:1–11*

(Life in the Spirit through Christ)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**Children's Message***Stand***Holy Gospel** *John 11:1–45*

(Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

Reader: A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.² This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. ³ So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

People: ⁴ But when Jesus heard about it he said, “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.” ⁵ So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, ⁶ he stayed where he was for the next two days. ⁷ Finally, he said to his disciples, “Let’s go back to Judea.”

Reader: ⁸ But his disciples objected. “Rabbi,” they said, “only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?”
⁹ Jesus replied, “There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. ¹⁰ But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light.”¹¹ Then he said, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.”

¹² The disciples said, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!”¹³ They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. ¹⁴ So he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And for your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there, for now you will really believe. Come, let’s go see him.”

Reader: ¹⁶ Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let’s go, too—and die with Jesus.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days.¹⁸ Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss.²⁰ When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.”

²³ Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.”

People: ²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.”

Reader: ²⁸ Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." ²⁹ So Mary immediately went to him.

³⁰ Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. ³¹ When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. ³² When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you put him?" he asked them.

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

People: ³⁵ Then Jesus wept. ³⁶ The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" ³⁷ But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Reader: ³⁸ Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. ³⁹ "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."

⁴⁰ Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" ⁴¹ So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴² You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." ⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

⁴⁵ Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

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.



In Christ Alone

“In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all—
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine—
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*Lazarus is brought back to life again..., so was Jesus, and SO WILL WE!
 How does that cause us to "Pause" and "Fast Forward" in the overview of our life?*

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home—
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Grant grace, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray for Your kingdom on earth. Around the globe may there be an increase of the Word of life. May the Spirit's power be made evident in the Church, as it reaches out to all parts of the world, bringing the good news of sins forgiven through Christ to every place. Gracious God, in mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

People: Grant health, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray at this time for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they may be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Healing God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant care, we pray, in mercy, Lord. Lead us by the working of the Holy Spirit to do that which God intends for us to do, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities, and being agents of care and concern in our circles of relationship. Caring God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant blessing, we pray, in mercy, Lord. As we remember with gratitude those sisters and brothers in Christ whose journeys on earth have been completed, may we be guided by the Spirit in ways that honor their earthly lives and bring blessings to others as we anticipate the eternal joys to be shared with them in the courts of heaven. Ever-living God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

971 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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.**

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**685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
 Follow His example pure,
 Through a world that would deceive us
 And to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in His footsteps treading,
 Pilgrims here, our home above,
 Full of faith and hope and love,
 Let us do the Father's bidding.
 Faithful Lord, with me abide;
 I shall follow where You guide.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered
 death,
 He will free us from destruction,
 Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion
 That would lead us into sin;
 And the grave that shuts us in
 Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die,
 There to live with You on high



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	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Reader	Karen Frusti
Joyful Ringers	Anne Burgess Cheryl Bailey Sharon Byrd Linda Courtney Katy Grab Beth Hempel Kenadee Koch Carol Kandah Julia Smith Shelly Walldorff
Greeter	Carolyn Nieuwkoop
Ushers	John Hasse Charleen Hill Bob McGuigan Pat McGuigan
Counters	Dave Tischler Jan Paver
Tech Team	Thomas Kutz
Welcome Center	Pat McGuigan
Coffee Hour	Robinson -Martell Family

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 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 3.15.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 117 + 11:00am –98 = 208

Communion - 161

Received week of 3.15.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$14,465** total includes
online giving **School - \$447.82**

Remember Our Homebound – NEW ADDRESS

Ann Cook
1823 Crooks Rd.
Rochester, MI 48309



Altar Flowers

2 vases in honor of our 2nd wedding anniversary from Doug and Nancy Berg.

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



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22	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Mission Trip Bible Study- room #1
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 2pm	YOUTH OPEN GYM
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
23	MAR, MON	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 1/7)
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
24	MAR, TUE	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 2/7)
		● All day	Piano tuning
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 6 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
25	MAR, WED	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 3/7)
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Lenten Dinner- Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Worship Service
26	MAR, THU	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 4/7)
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
27	MAR, FRI	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 5/7)
		● All day	1/2 Day of School End of 3rd Quarter
		● 5 – 8pm	Bible Quiz Party - Gym
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
28	MAR, SAT	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 6/7)
		● 10am – 2pm	EASTER FAIR
		● 2 – 3pm	PALM SUNDAY SET UP GYM

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 62nd 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

3/25

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

5:30PM LENT DINNER

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.



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.



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

hosted by Confirmation Students

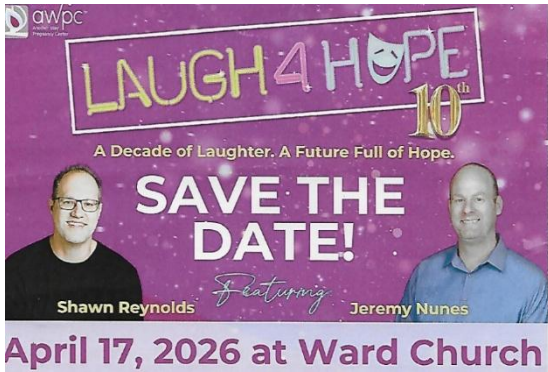
Come enjoy breakfast before 10am
Church Service

March 29, 2026 @ 8:30 am



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





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 3rd and 4th 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.



Blessing Bag News Corner - 20 beautiful backpacks were delivered this week, filled with hygiene items, non-perishable food, gloves, hats, shirts, blankets and more. So many people in the community help with this ministry and it is growing- this week I am highlighting Cindy Nagy, a friend I met through another friend, here is what she said about the ministry and how she got started :

“As the saying goes, “when one door closes, another opens”. I was helping downriver at a soup kitchen for many years and the doors closed. I had donated to outreach through a friend. I thought what if they had a backpack

to carry with them. I found backpacks for sale and started filling them with what could help get them through at least a moment. I had friends and family who help me with items – I was able to fill 120 backpacks last year. My dad taught me, if they ask for a dollar, give them two, you don’t need that other dollar. My dad would give me money. I would give it for food or pop or heat -this is what keeps me going , no one should have to pay for heat. We all can make a difference, mine is one backpack at a time”.

Blessing bags are located in the parish hall on tables towards the back, if you see someone in need, feel free to grab a bag for them 😊



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Youth Bowling

Youth Bowling last week was a blast! We had 17 youth and 4 adults participate. Our next big event is Super Mario Smash Brothers Event on April 11th Noon- 5pm more info to come.



Newcomer Class is beginning soon! Are you **NEW** to St. Paul Lutheran?

Join us Wednesday evenings **April 15th, 22nd and 29th - 6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and always. Whether you are new to our church or looking to transfer from another church home, this open discussion group is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Please call the church office to register! 248-349-3140 ext. 10.

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March 19th the Family of God (FOG) was treated to Pat McGuigan's sloppy joe dinner. Barbara Hoffmeier drove and with Shelley Ernst, Pat McGuigan, Julia Smith and Kathy Verseman served the sloppy joes, green beans, chips, mandarin oranges and the eagerly awaited brownies baked by Beth Hempel and Chris Henning, who also was our shopper. The 110 servings were very gratefully received. We were also very happy and thankful Pastor Hill was well enough to attend and also that the boiler had been repaired so we had heat.