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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00am

May 11, 2025



The Good Shepherding Continues

AS WE GATHER

Even as we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also acknowledge that His shepherding love and care continues through the undershepherds whom He sends to protect, preserve, and provide for His sheep. The pastors do not replace Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but are the means by which our Lord continues His work among us through His Word and Sacraments. His Word and promise continue and He is among us just as He has said, still leading us to the still quiet waters, the rich green pastures, and the safe refuge so familiar to us in the words of Psalm 23.

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Unashamed

Verse 1

Three brothers in a fire,
 Willing to die for their faith.
 But You were with them in the fire,
 And they walked out the next day.
 And Daniel met a lion
 Because he chose to pray.
 But You shut the mouth of that lion
 And he walked out the next day.

Pre-Chorus

(So) What's gonna be said of me
 When it's all said and done?
 Will I stand for my beliefs?
 Will I turn around and run?
 Well, let the whole world hear me
 say

Chorus

I'm unashamed
 Of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
 And the truth that changed my life,
 For the Name above all Names.
 I'm unashamed
 And I will live my faith out loud,
 Take a stand and stand my ground
 For the One who took my shame.
 I'm unashamed

Verse 2

I don't answer to the crowd,
 I answer to a King.
 So, the louder they shout,
 Oh the louder I sing, yeah.

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Bridge

At the name of Jesus,
 Ev'ry knee will bow.
 And ev'ry tongue confess,
 So let it start right now.
 Before You come back, Lord,
 Before the rocks cry out.
 I will lift my praise,
 Let it start right now.

Chorus

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 Of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
 And the truth that changed my life,
 For the Name above all Names.
 I'm unashamed
 And I will live my faith out loud,
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For the One who took my shame.
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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 23:1-2, 4, 6*

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

People: I will fear no evil,

Pastor: for You are with me;

People: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: Surely good and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Lord, my Shepherd,

People: You call me by name as one of Your own dear sheep. You are teaching me to recognize Jesus' voice and follow Him. Yet, because my sinful nature is alienated from You since birth, I find it so difficult to listen to You, much less to love and serve even the people nearest me. In fact, I often think, say, and do things that are hurtful both to me and the people around me. How then will I be able to stand before Your throne on the Last Day in union with all Your people from every nation, tribe, and language? Forgive and help me for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Beloved by God, Jesus has given you eternal life, and you will never perish, and no one will snatch you out of His hand. All your sins are washed in the blood of the Lamb and truly forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word

Collect of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

Good God Almighty

I can't count the times
I've called Your name some broken
night.
And You showed up and patched me
up
Like You do every time.
I get amnesia. I forget that You keep
coming around.
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me
down.

Good God Almighty,
I hope You'll find me
Praising Your Name no matter what
comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be
Without Your mercy.
So, I keep praising Your name at the
top of my lungs.

Tell me is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.

You say Your love goes on forever,
That Your mercy never stops.
So, why would I assume
You'd be somebody that You're not?
Like sun in the morning,
I know You're gonna be there every
day.
So, what on earth could make me be
afraid.

Good God Almighty,
I hope You'll find me

Praising Your Name no matter what
comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be
Without Your mercy.
So, I keep praising Your name at the
top of my lungs.

Tell me is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.
Praise Him in the morning.
Praise Him in the noon time.
Praise Him when the sun goes down.
Love Him in the morning.
Love Him in the noon time.
Love Him when the sun goes down.

Good God Almighty,
I hope You'll find me
Praising Your Name no matter what
comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be
Without Your mercy.
So, I keep praising Your name at the
top of my lungs.

Tell me is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.

Jesus in the morning.
Jesus in the noon time.
Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning.
Jesus in the noon time.
Jesus when the sun goes down.

First Reading*Acts 20:17–35 (Paul with the Ephesian elders)*

¹⁷ But when we landed at Miletus, he sent a message to the elders of the church at Ephesus, asking them to come and meet him.

¹⁸ When they arrived he declared, "You know that from the day I set foot in the province of Asia until now ¹⁹ I have done the Lord's work humbly and with many tears. I have endured the trials that came to me from the plots of the Jews. ²⁰ I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your homes. ²¹ I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.

²² "And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. ²⁴ But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

²⁵ "And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal

death, it's not my fault, ²⁷ for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

²⁸ "So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. ²⁹ I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. ³¹ Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you.

³² "And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.

³³ "I have never coveted anyone's silver or gold or fine clothes. ³⁴ You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me. ³⁵ And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading*Revelation 7:9–17**(Sheep from every nation, tribe, people, and language)*

⁹ After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they were shouting with a great roar,

“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne
and from the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God.¹² They sang,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and strength belong to our God
forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, “Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?”

¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.”

Then he said to me, “These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

¹⁵ “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter.

¹⁶ They will never again be hungry or thirsty;
they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.

¹⁷ For the Lamb on the throne
will be their Shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.
And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stand

Holy Gospel*John 10:22–30 (Jesus and the Father are one.)*

Reader: ²² It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. ²³ He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The people surrounded him and asked,

People: "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Reader: ²⁵ Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. ²⁶ But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit***Faithful Still****Verse 1**

When my heart is racing
 deep inside my chest
 When I'm underneath t
 he weight of anxiousness
 When my fear is raging
 and I can't catch my breath
 I will remember

Chorus

You are faithful still
 You have carried me
 through deeper waters
 Walked beside me
 through the fire

Faithful still
 You have closed the
 mouth of bigger lions
 Conquered even
 greater giants
 Gone before me and
 You always will
 You are faithful still

Verse 2

God You saw this long
 before I ever knew
 And Your peace is waiting
 here to see me through
 My deliverance is
 only found in You
 So I will surrender

Chorus

You are faithful still
 You have carried me

through deeper waters
 Walked beside me
 through the fire

Faithful still
 You have closed the
 mouth of bigger lions
 Conquered even
 greater giants
 Gone before me and
 You always will
 You are faithful still

Bridge

I have a hope I have a future
 I'm a child of the Mountain Mover (4X)

Chorus

You are faithful still
 You have carried me
 through deeper waters
 Walked beside me
 through the fire

Faithful still
 You have closed the
 mouth of bigger lions
 Conquered even
 greater giants
 Gone before me and
 You always will
 You are faithful still

I have a hope I have a future
 I'm a child of the Mountain Mover (2X)
 ... You are faithful still

Sermon – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn***God Turn It Around / The Promise**

Verse

I'm praying, "God come
and turn this thing around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around."

I'm calling on the name
that changes everything:
"God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around."

Chorus

All of my hope is in the name,
The name of Jesus.
Breakthrough will come,
Come in the name,
The name of Jesus.

God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.

God turn it around

God turn it around
God turn it around

All of my hope is in the name,
The name of Jesus.
Breakthrough will come,
Come in the name,
The name of Jesus.

God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.

God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.

Pre-Chorus

Though the storms may come,
And the winds may blow,
I'll remain steadfast.
And let my heart learn
when You speak a word,
It will come to pass.

Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same,
I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.

Bridge

I put my faith in Jesus,
My anchor to the ground.
My hope and firm foundation,
He'll never let me down.

I put my faith in Jesus,

My anchor to the ground.
My hope and firm foundation,

He'll never let me down.
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Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God who gave Your life to take away the sins of the world. You now stand as the Lamb slain in the presence of God, where You ever live to make intercession for Your people.

You are also the Good Shepherd leading Your sheep to the eternal pasture of God's kingdom. Grant as we now hear Your voice and know Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments that we may rest in the assurance that You know us and are with us through life's valleys of shadow.

People: **Thank You that You hold on to us always as we follow You. Shepherd the flock of Your people, that we may live with one another according to the peace You have won for us. Bless and protect all pastors who speak to us on Your behalf.**

Pastor: Jesus, You are eternally incarnate before the throne of God, which is the seat of all power and authority in heaven and on earth. Govern the leaders of this world that they may humbly serve the people of every tribe, nation, and language who will one day stand in Your presence.

We pray for the sick, and all who suffer, [*especially . . .*], that in Your tender mercy You would be at work in us always for good. Grant all who suffer to trust in Your promise that nothing is able to snatch us out of Your hand.

Thank You for Your faithful people of every time and every place who now rest from their labors in Your nearer presence.

People: **Shepherd us through this life with the saints of every nation, tribe, people, and language that we may worship before Your throne on the great and terrible day of the Lord; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

ALL: **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

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.

Sit



Benediction

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Grace Wins Every Time

In my weakest moment I see You
Shaking Your head in disgrace.
I can read the disappointment
Written all over Your face.

Here come those whispers in my ear,
Saying "who do you think you are?"
"Looks like you're on your own from
here,
'Cause grace could never reach that far."

But in the shadow of that shame,
Beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name ,saying "It's not
over".
And my heart starts to beat so loud now,

Drowning out the doubt.
I'm down but I'm not out.

There's a war between guilt and grace,
And they're fighting for a sacred space,
But I'm living proof
Grace wins every time.

No more lying down in death's defeat,
Now I'm rising up in victory,
Singing "hallelujah!
Grace wins every time."

Words can't describe the way it feels
When mercy floods a thirsty soul
The broke inside begins to heal
And grace returns what guilty stole

But in the shadow of that shame,
 Beat down by all the blame,
 I hear You call my name ,saying "It's not
 over".
 And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
 Drowning out the doubt.
 I'm down but I'm not out.

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 But I'm living proof
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No more lying down in death's defeat,
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 Singing "hallelujah!
 Grace wins every time."

For the prodigal son, Grace wins.
 For the woman at the well, Grace wins.
 For the blind man and the beggar , Grace

wins.
 For always and forever, Grace wins.

 For the lost out on the streets, Grace
 wins.
 For the worst part of you and me, Grace
 wins.
 For the thief on the cross, Grace wins.
 For a world that is lost...

There's a war between guilt and grace,
 And they're fighting for a sacred space,
 But I'm living proof
 Grace wins every time.

No more lying down in death's defeat,
 Now I'm rising up in victory,
 Singing "hallelujah!
 Grace wins every time, I'm living proof,
 Grace wins every time



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

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	George Foor
Welcome Center	Marilyn Edick
Ushers	Chuck Hempel Patrick Baker
Greeters	Roman Family
Tech Team	Curtis Kalina
Counters	Jan Paver Christine Lewis
Altar Society	Jan Paver Lisa Fairbairn
Acolyte	Luke Donaldson
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

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

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 5.4.2025– Attendance – 8am –79+ 11am - 102 =181

Received week of 5.4.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$13,965** total includes online giving
School - **\$458.34**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Joyce Carr
1066 Washington Circle
Northville, MI 48167

Altar Flowers



*One vase in honor of the birthdays of our children Duncan and Beth from
Chris and Anne Burgess.*

One vase in memory of my father Al Dellere from Charleen Hill.

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

Voters Meeting

Sunday – May 18th

9:45am- Church Parish Hall



The Board of Social of Ministry will be having a **Graduate Recognition** the first part of June. We are making a "Picture Board" to display in church. **If you have a 2025 High School or College Graduate** we would like the name, the school, a picture, and a brief mention of what the graduate's future plans are. Please send the same to Cheryl Koch: CKoch2rn@gmail.com or drop off at church office. **Before May 31**



For the month of May, Women in Christ is honoring the LWML Mission Grant entitled New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) for \$18,000. The people of South Sudan are in need of the gospel, living in extreme poverty, civil war, famine, and disease, with average life expectancy of only 56 years. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan (ELCSS) has more than 200 congregations, but fewer than 80 pastors to serve them. Need for new pastors is great, as each pastor is responsible for preaching God's word to at least three congregations, often long distances apart. Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Macomb, MI, has partnered with ELCSS to establish a seminary, the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) to provide theological education for new pastors. These CLIHM seminarians come from extreme poverty and do not have funds to cover educational costs. This grant would support five South Sudan seminarians for one year, providing tuition, supplies, room and board. Please consider this great need when you fill your MITE box this month.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

In Stephen Ministry, members of our congregation are trained and equipped to meet once a week, one on one, with someone going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers provide a caring presence, a listening ear, and comforting words—supporting care receivers throughout their journey. People become Stephen Ministers to make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers walk alongside people going through life challenges like grief, divorce, a medical crisis, job loss, and more. They offer care, support, and encouragement, connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love during some of the hardest times in their lives. If you are interested in hearing more about becoming a Stephen Minister or feeling God's nudge, please let one of our Stephen Leaders know: Pastor Jim Frusti, Jeanette Koch, and Linda Johnson.

\$\$\$\$ Endowment Fund News



\$\$\$\$ 2025 Grant window is now open from April 15th to May 31st; award notifications will be made by the end of June 2025. Grant applications are available in the school office, on our website or via email. (Please email vickifilipiak@yahoo.com) St. Paul's Endowment Fund was blessed with another great year of donations not to mention some good growth from the stock market. Our 2024 year-end balance was **\$96,665.36** which generates **\$4825** in grant dollars available for 2025. We are

headed into our fourth year of grants and have been able to give over \$11,500 in total grants. Here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has supported 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
- \$2000 Church Roof
- \$450 VBS T-Shirts
- \$500 Bible Quizzers
- \$1000 New Church Website
- \$500 School science experiment/chemistry supplies

Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to support to our Endowment Fund.

The 2025 Michigan District Junior High Youth Gathering is for youth entering grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the fall of 2025



**Keynote Speaker
Rev. Tyler Cronkright**



**Worship | Music | Breakouts
Fun | Games | & More!**

Cost \$125

**Junior High Gathering
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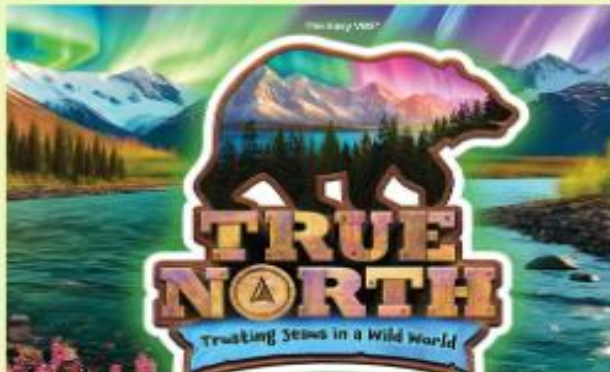


**for more info contact Jeanette.familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or
text 248-974-3323**

**JUNE 15-19
VBS**

AGES-3YRS-5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 6TH GRADE AND OLDER



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REGISTRATION LINK:

[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SPLTRUENORTH](https://vbspro.events/p/spltruenorth)

ACTIVITIES:

- BIBLE STORIES
- GAMES
- MUSIC & FUN
- ARTS & CRAFTS



**Starts June 15th
@ 5:00pm with
Fried Chicken
dinner**

**June 16-19
9am-NOON**

**201 ELM ST
NORTHVILLE, MI**

Lutheran Women in Mission – Wayne Oak Hills Zone

Mission Awareness – April 23, 2025

LAMP - Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots is celebrating 55 years of cross-cultural ministry, sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada. Praise God for His blessings upon the men, women, and children who receive the Good News!

Did you know? LAMP received one of their first grants from LWML. In the 1971-1973 biennial convention, LAMP received a \$40,000 grant to purchase an airplane to extend their services of establishing Sunday Schools, Bible classes, and adult instruction to the Christian people living in the sparsely-settled areas of Northern Canada.

Fast forward to 2025! Here's your opportunity to be a "goer" into the mission field in Northern Canada. Team formation is underway right now! St. Matthew Westland is NOW preparing a return trip to the mission field in July or August 2025. Will you join the team?

In July 2024, St. Matthew Westland commissioned a team of six to host VBS in the "fly-in" community of Muskrat Dam in Northern Ontario. After two days of driving together in a van as a team and a short, chartered flight over a myriad of lakes, we reached our community, ready to tackle whatever came our way. It was a rigorous and challenging adventure, but we witnessed how God met our every need...in ways we couldn't have imagined.

How can you support this ministry?

- **Pray** for willing missionaries to explore this opportunity to bless God's people living in a beautiful setting of Northern Canada.
- **Pray** for the children whose lives are impacted by suicide within their community.
- **Support** "goers" by assisting in VBS craft preparation.
- **Learn** more about this life-changing ministry by visiting <https://www.lampministry.org>
- **Donate** to send missionaries and pilots into the field to serve God's people.

To learn more about this unique mission, contact 2025 Team Leader Bob Lockhart at blockhart72@gmail.com or phone 734-748-3425.



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NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER

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SATURDAY MAY 31

at ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Check-in: 5:30 PM
Game starts 6:00 PM



\$15 PER PERSON
\$25 PER COUPLE
\$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12

Appetizers, Lemonade,
Pop, Beer, & Wine

All proceeds benefits the youth going to
New Orleans

For more information, please call 248-349-3146

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Barbara Hoffmeier will be leading a team of ten members from St Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, Michigan, May 10th through the 17th, with MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunity Short Term.) They will be conducting Eyeglass Clinics in two different locations during the week and hope to distribute about 1000 pairs of prescription glasses and sunglasses. The location is Amatitlan in the Western Highlands of Guatemala.

The BLOG to follow their

progress is: <https://guatemalateam2504missiontrip.blogspot.com/> You can send her a message at: bhoffmeier3@gmail.com St Paul sent a team there in April of 2018 for a Construction Project and to teach Health and Hygiene classes. *Please keep Barbara and the team in your prayers for safety, good health, and many opportunities to share the Good News so they will "see" Jesus!*

Spring has sprung! We sure could use your assistance in sprucing up the grounds on Saturday, May 31, 9am - 1pm, or any part thereof! Hotdogs for lunch. Bring your rake, trimmer, edger, gloves, and other outdoor tools you would like to use.

Just as your home yard needs attention after the winter, so your Church home needs some attention as well.

This is rated an "easy, entry level" project for those who would like to serve , but don't know where to begin helping out at your Church home.

Rain or shine, indoor or out-of-door, we will be ready with projects!

Contact Mark Faerber, Trustee if you have questions. 734 686 2100.



A great big thank you to our Chicken Tetrzini Casserole makers, Julia Smith, Mary Lou Jaussi, Janet & Bill Kovalak, Claudia Williamson

Kathy Verseman, Jeanette Koch, Gretchen Hasse and welcome Kathleen McFall our newest helper. Carolyn Nieuwkoop & Marcy Tredermade salad for us and Karen Frusti & Carole Crete brought rolls and Carole also brought the butter. Beth & Chuck Hempel brought all the fruit, bananas, their favorite they always ask for an extra for their pocket. Chocolate and white Milk - Jan Faerber, juice - Anne Burgess and a case of water - Shelly Walldorff. Cheryl, Jan and Lisa made all the desserts and there are never leftovers of those, they love them , whatever it is they eat them all up. Our servers were Claudia and Mike Williamson, Pat McGuigan, and Shelly Walldorff. We thank Margo for organizing the kitchen and Marcy for putting together our paper products. Pat shared that Ben helped them serve, he finished up at Concordia and is going to St. Louis for Seminary, Pat said he was a joy to serve with. Michelle who was beaten up over a month ago still needs our prayers as her physical signs are fading the inside ones are not. Family of God is getting a new pastor, number 3, more information on him to come. Thank you all for helping those that need a warm meal and some social contact, "Family" of God.

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What: School Auction *“Island Getaway”*

When: Saturday, May 17 @ 5:00 pm

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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.

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It's Island Time!
School Auction
Sat. May 17 @5 pm
School Gym Island Oasis

Frita Batidos has a "Late Lutheran" Special Allowance!
The ticket sales deadline has been lifted thru today!
I have tickets for sale at my table in the hall before and after service!

Menu:

- Fritas:** Inspired by traditional Burgers served with shoestring fries on top on a soft egg bun
Beef, Chicken, Great Lakes White Fish
With and Without melted Muenster Cheese
All accompanied with Tropical slaw, Cilantro-Lime Salsa, Avocado spread, lemon-Scented mayo, Sweet Chile mayo,
and Chipotle mayo *for guests to top their Fritas As desired!*
Grilled fresh outside and served feasting style table side
- Sides:** Tropical Salad
"Best Snack Ever"
- Batidos:** Tropical Milkshakes made with fresh fruit, crushed ice, and Guernsey Dairy Vanilla bean Ice Cream
Coconut Cream, Passion Fruit, Hibiscus...try all three
Add a splash of rum!
- Sweets:** Churros with Chocolate Espanol for dipping

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