

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 2025

11:00 AM



They Shall Call His Name Immanuel

AS WE GATHER

It is still Advent, but today we hear an account of the Christmas story early so that we may know what to look for later this week. The Son of Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit, is Jesus—God with us—who comes to save His people from their sins and to fulfill God's promise of Immanuel. Sometimes the rich details of Luke's account can overshadow this simple but profound truth: the Lord keeps His Word for our salvation. Mary and Joseph could not see plainly how God was working, yet He was faithfully accomplishing His plan through them to give His Son for the life of the world.

We also face worries, doubts, and fears. Yet God still comes to us, not merely through created messengers but in His own Son. In the Old Testament, God revealed His saving presence through "the Angel of His Presence," a title for the pre-incarnate Christ. Now that same Lord comes in flesh and blood as Jesus, Immanuel—God Himself present with us for our redemption.

PRELUDE**WELCOME – Pastor Jim Frusti****RINGING OF THE BELL**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 45:8a; Psalm 19:1, 4–6; 112:1b, 7b*

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

People: let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout.

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

People: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Pastor: In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments!

People: His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. Praise the Lord!

O Come All Ye Faithful / Congregation Hymn w/Praise Team***Praise Choir:***

*Come and adore Him,
Kneel down before Him,
King of the Angels,
Christ the Savior (2x)*

Congregation

Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him born the king of angels

O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord!

Praise Choir:

*Come and adore Him,
Kneel down before Him,
King of the Angels,
Christ the Savior*

Congregation

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, in the highest

O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord!

Praise Choir:

*Come and adore Him,
Kneel down before Him,
King of the Angels,
Christ the Savior*

Congregation

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

O come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him, o come, let us adore Him, Christ
the Lord!

Praise Choir:

*Come and adore Him,
Kneel down before Him,
King of the Angels,
Christ the Savior (2x)*

THE HOLY BAPTISM OF Kendall Dawn Patterson**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Matt 1:21–23; Philippians 2:10; Ps 119:105*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, this wreath and the candles have been progressively lit each week reminding us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. In this final week of the Advent season, we come to know the meaning and power of our Savior's name. The angel spoke to Joseph, "She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,

People: for He will save His people from their sins."

Pastor: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

People: **“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in the beginning of our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

People: in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

People: and a light to my path.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 130:7; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

People: and with Him is plentiful redemption.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

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.

Pastor: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 7:10–17* (“The virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”)

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 1:1–7*

*(Long promised by God,
the Savior, Jesus Christ, has come.)*

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—²the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David,⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 1:18–25* (“The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.”)

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Congregation

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem
 Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new - born - King

*Praise Choir: Christ the King, the newborn King
 Christ the King, the newborn King*

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
 Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the-incarnate Deity
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth
 Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new - born - King

*Praise Choir: Christ the King, the newborn King
 Christ the King, the newborn King*

Congregation

Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, rising with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
 Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new - born - King

*Praise Choir: Christ the King, the newborn King!
 Christ the King, the newborn King!*

THE MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti**THE PRAYERS**

Pastor: Come, Lord Jesus, be my Wisdom,

People: and order all things by your power.

Pastor: Come, Great I am,

People: and guide me in my wilderness wanderings.

Pastor: Come, O Root of Jesse,

People: be my rally banner and bring me home.

Pastor: Jesus, you have ultimate access and authority in my life;

People: come, be present with me.

Pastor: Jesus, you conquered the darkness of death that I may be transferred to your kingdom of light; so,

People: come, shine in my life.

Pastor: Jesus, you have torn down the walls of separation;

People: come, be my King of Peace.

Pastor: Jesus, because of you, the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news preached to them. So, hear our cries for those who are lonely, suffering, depressed or sick [*especially* ...] visit, relieve, console and strengthen them according to your gracious plans.

People: come, be our healer.

Pastor: Come, Emmanuel, come; and do not delay

People: Come quickly to rescue your people, O Lord. 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

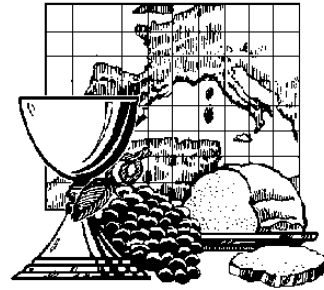
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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. ++

Angels We Have Heard on High *Congregation w/ Praise Choir*

*Praise Choir: Angels, Angels
Angels, Angels*

Congregation

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Praise Choir: Angels, Angels

Congregation

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Praise Choir: Angels, Angels

Congregation

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing,
 Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Praise Choir: Angels, Angels, ... Angels, Angels

What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
 The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high,
 The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
 The babe, the son of Mary

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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: Now may the God who comes to us—who spoke His promise through prophets, who fulfilled His promise in the Virgin's Son, and who will keep His promise when Christ returns—fill you with hope, keep you in faith, and surround you with His abiding presence.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Lifesong

Verse 1

Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You

Verse

Lord I give my life
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need
To be Your hands and feet

May the words I say

And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name

To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You (3x)

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You (2x)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the church until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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<u>WHERE WE SERVE</u>	
Preacher/Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	George Foor
Greeter	Foor
Family	
Welcome Center	Sue Poole
Ushers	Craig Miller Christine Lewis
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Acolyte	Tyler Hughes
Altar Society	Karen Frusti Sue Poole Christine Lewis
Tech Team	Doug Towner
Praise Team	Sarah Hughes Hannah Hughes Linda Johnson Kurt Menhart Chris Englert

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: 12.14.2025– Attendance – 8:30am – 114 + 11:00am – 58 = 172

Communion - 151

Received week of 12.14.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$28,458** total includes online giving
School - **\$15,296.72**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Christina Rohn
Waltonwood #240
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI

21	DEC, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 8:30 – 9:30am ● 9:45 – 10:45am ● 11am – 12pm ● 3 – 6pm ● 7 – 9pm 	Parish Hall Rental- Patterson baptism Worship w/ Communion Sunday School & Youth Bible Study Worship w/ Communion Christmas Caroling- Supper in Parish Hall Adult pick up basketball school gym
22	DEC, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 6 – 8pm 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 1/12) Bible Quizzing – Parish Hall Parish Hall
23	DEC, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 10am – 2pm ● 6 – 7pm 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 2/12) School Hot Lunch - Kitchen Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
24	DEC, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 9:30 – 10:30am ● 6 – 7pm 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 3/12) Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall Christmas Eve Worship 8pm,10pm
25	DEC, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 10am – 2pm ● 10 – 11am 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 4/12) School Hot Lunch - Kitchen Christmas Worship
26	DEC, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 7 – 9pm 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 5/12) AA Mtg. church parish hall
27	DEC, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 6/12)

Altar Flowers



One vase in memory of Jan's dad, Ken Lehl's birthday from Jan and Mark Faerber.

One vase in honor of our great-granddaughter Dahlylah's 4th birthday from Sue and Tom Poole.


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

T Shirt Fundraiser for St. Paul Lutheran Preschool


ORDERS DUE BY:
December 19, 2025
Any questions contact
Jen Argiros 248.349.3146
school@stpaulnorthville.org

Name _____
Email _____ Cell _____

Short Sleeve Black T Shirt 100% Cotton

	YXS YS YM YL YXL	YXS- YXL	\$18
	AS AM AL AXL 2XL 3XL 4XL	AS- AXL	\$18
		2XL- 6XL	\$22
		Quantity	
		Total	

Long Sleeve Black T Shirt 100% Cotton

	YXS YS YM YL YXL	YXS- YXL	\$23
	AS AM AL AXL 2XL 3XL 4XL	AS- AXL	\$23
		2XL- 4XL	\$27
		Quantity	
		Total	

CASH _____ Check _____
payable to St. Paul

Total \$ _____

Show your school spirit and support St. Paul Preschool by purchasing one of our exclusive St. Paul Lutheran Northville Panthers T-shirts! Order forms are available in the church near the entrance and in the school entrance. Payment can be made by cash or check. A portion of each sale goes toward securing the future of our preschool program. Thank you for your support!

A mission trip euchre card game fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, 6:30-9:00 pm. Twelve members of our congregation have committed to participating in an eyeglass clinic in El Salvador in April. The cost of the trip is about \$3,000 per person. This fundraiser will help defray the cost for our participants. If you are new to the game, we are happy to instruct. There will be appetizers, beverages, snacks and prizes. The cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for youth. Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome former members Steven and Kathleen McFall. Kathleen was baptized at St. Paul in 1995. Also, joining us is Jason, Kathleen and Steven's son. Jason was also baptized and confirmed here. Jason has two sons, Jackson age 7 and Liam age 9. We look forward to getting to know them better, and many people have already welcomed them back.

CHURCH MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

This is a new service for our church family. **If you would like to advertise** your business please speak with Pastor Chris Fairbairn (248)349-3140. We may publish a quarterly email with your information.



ORGANIC SOURDOUGH HOME-BAKERY

Sourdough Bread + baked goods available for preorder pickup in northville (Taft + 8 Mile)



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The early December meal for Family of God went very well and the weather cooperated and Julia got us there and back safely. We had 10 volunteers making **Chicken Tamale Casserole** my favorite, I wasn't sure we would get 10 so I started asking if some could double up. God is faithful and He provided 10. Thank you Mary Lou Jaussi, Julia Smith, Kathy McFall (her son volunteered her but she was okay with that), Claudia Williamson, Carole Grimmer 1st timer, Melanie, Janet Kovalak, Gretchen Hasse, Alison Babic (another 1st timer) and Sue Poole. **Sour Cream** was provided by Jan Faerber & Carolyn Nieuwkoop; **Salsa**: Carolyn Nieuwkoop and Sue Poole; **Nacho Chips** Chris Henning; **Fresh Fruit** Katy Baetz-Matthews and Heather Roucker(?); **Beverages** Shelly Waldorff - Case of Water and Marti Gilchrist - White/chocolate Milk, Juice (2); **Dessert** Cheryl Bailey (24), Beth Hempel (30); Janise Faerber (24) and Britney Fairbairn (30), I believe first timer too! Our **Servers were** Julia Smith (driver), Sue Poole, Shelly Ernst and Cheryl Bailey. Marcy gathers our paper products for each visit. Thank you all, it was a success and we enjoyed ourselves with friendly conversation and good work. We served about 90 servings. God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

The **Giving Tree** this year will be adorned with ornaments that represent children in need from Another Way Pregnancy Center in Farmington Hills. We are proud to partner with them this year. It's so easy:

- 1) Take home an ornament.
- 2) Purchase the item(s).
- 3) Return the item(s) with the ornament attached.

All gifts can be dropped off in the Parish Hall by December 21. AWPC thanks you for your generosity.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL
FUN EVENT OF
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday December 21st, 3-6 pm

Meet at St Paul's Fellowship Hall at 3:00 to carpool.

You will be given maps, a colorful scarf, a songbook, and jingle bells.

We will serve a light supper around 6:00pm back at the church.

Questions?

Call Barbara Hoffmeier (248) 756-3035 or Tom Norton (734) 853 - 9423

Another MOST eyeglass mission trip is currently being planned for April 11-18 2026 at a mission church in the town of Pasaquina in El Salvador. MOST has only recently established a presence in El Salvador, and we are excited to be among the first MOST missions to that country. We are establishing an email contact list for anyone who would like to be kept informed as we go forward with the planning. The list is not only for "goers", people considering going on the trip, but also for "senders", people who might want to be involved with supporting the team with fundraisers, etc. There is no commitment so if you would like to be kept informed, please forward your email address to Chris Burgess at chris.burgess917@gmail.com.

As we celebrate the miraculous gift God gave us in His son's birth, let us think of others during this Christmas season. For the month of December, 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.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025

(H/C = Holy Communion)

* **Salem Lutheran Church** (32430 Ann Arbor Trail - Westland, MI 48185) -noon services

12/21/2025 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am (H/C) – Sunday

12/24/2025 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Wednesday

12/24/2025 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Wednesday (H/C)

12/25/2025- Christmas Day Service – 10am — Thursday (H/C)

12/26/2025 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- Friday

12/28/2025 - Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am - Sunday

12/31/2025 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Wednesday (H/C)

1/1/2026– CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Thursday

I would like to thank all the groups that help support the "Blessing Bag" Ministry for our less fortunate brothers and sisters on the streets of Detroit! –

God's Sparrows – a group that shops for and packs those colorful tote bags you see in the parish hall- they are a group that formed specifically to support this mission- out of Ann Arbor.

We are Planners – a Down River group that crochets the sleeping mats out of plastic bags.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer – Birmingham, knitting group makes dozens of hats and scarves to pass out.

Allen Terrace Northville – does frequent hygiene item drives and supplies hats and scarves in the winter.

Genetti's Northville – has collected coats and other seasonally appropriate items.

Computer Business in Northville (wants to remain anonymous) – supplies funding for emergency needs year round.

R.A.I.N. A. (reaching All in Need of Assistance) – a non-profit out of Woodhaven that has done multiple collections for our less fortunate friends.

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I would also like to thank the many (dozens) who buy blankets, drop off needed items, supply funding and deliver bags! (some don't even live in Michigan, they amazon in items needed-dozens of boots etc.) Detroit is HUGE and the need is HUGE. The biggest cause of homelessness is lack of affordable housing. The population of houseless friends is made up of teenagers, seniors, those with mental illness and no appropriate housing, trafficked women and men and more. Thank to everyone who has helped! Love , Margo



We share in the joy of **HOLY BAPTISM OF Kendall Dawn Patterson** in the 11:00 AM worship service today. Kendall is the daughter of Kara and Kellen Patterson and was born in Royal Oak, Michigan. Kendall's sponsors are Haley Stroup, Hannah Stroup and William Reinbolt. As God writes Kendall's name in the book of life let us all pray that this new relationship that has begun today will be lived, explored and discovered throughout Kendall's life.