

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 21, 2025

8:30 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!**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**     *Matt 1:21–23; Phil 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.**

### **CONFESSIO 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 might - y 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.”)

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

<sup>13</sup> And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup> The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—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, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy

Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David<sup>1</sup> according to the flesh<sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,<sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and 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.”)

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ<sup>[a]</sup> took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed<sup>[b]</sup> to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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.

### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.

Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

**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.

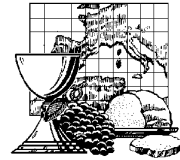
**People: And also with you.**

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 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 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. ++

**637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 And ransom captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lonely exile here  
 Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on  
 high,

Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
 To us the path of knowledge show,  
 And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of  
 might,  
 Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
 In ancient times didst give the Law  
 In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

### 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

### 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

### 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

### THE KING OF GLORY, All God's People Sing #227

**Chorus: *The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him, lift up your voices***

1 Who is the King of glory; What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages **Chorus**

2 In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among his people, curing their illness **Chorus**

3 Sing then of David' Son, our Savior and Brother; In all of Galilee was never another **Chorus**

4 He gave his life for us, the Lamb of salvation; he took upon himself the sin of the nations **Chorus**

5 He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen. And he will share with us his heavenly vision **Chorus**

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**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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WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Mark Potter
Reader	Dave Austin
Greeter	Ellerman Family
Welcome Center	Tim Haubenstricker
Ushers	John Nordbeck Barry Helmick Katie Helmick Carole Crete Paul Kemp
Coffee Hour	
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Acolyte	Thomas Kutz
Altar Society	Karen Frusti Sue Poole Christine Lewis
Tech Team	Patrick Baker

**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: 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	● All day	Parish Hall Rental- Patterson baptism
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 3 – 6pm	Christmas Caroling- Supper in Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
22	DEC, MON	● All day	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 1/12)
		● 6 – 8pm	Bible Quizzing - Parish Hall Parish Hall
23	DEC, TUE	● All day	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 2/12)
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 6 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
24	DEC, WED	● All day	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 3/12)
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Christmas Eve Worship 8pm,10pm
25	DEC, THU	● All day	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 4/12)
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 10 – 11am	Christmas Worship
26	DEC, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK (Day 5/12)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
27	DEC, SAT	● 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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	2XL- 6XL	\$22
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**Long Sleeve Black T Shirt 100% Cotton**

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	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.

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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.

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## Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL  
FUN EVENT OF  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

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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](mailto:chris.burgess917@gmail.com).

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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.

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#### **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025**

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(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**

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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.

**Saint Paul Lutheran Church Board of Evangelism**

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

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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.

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