

# **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

*11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service*

*March 10, 2019*



My Fortress, My God

## **AS WE GATHER**

Like an army runs to find refuge in a castle, we run to Jesus in every time of need. He is our fortress, our God. Today He mercifully invites us into His presence and shields us from the power of our adversary. He will guard and defend us! What makes Him completely trustworthy to be our fortress? What gives us confidence in knowing that He will deliver us from sin, death, and the devil? He Himself was tempted and can understand our temptation. He Himself was protected from the evil one and can protect us in our hour of need. He Himself battled Satan and won. He invites us to share in the victory of His cross and resurrection. Find refuge in Him today! He is our mighty fortress. He is our God.

**WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**

***GATHERING FOR PRAISE***

## Opening Praise Songs:

### Heart of Worship (Michael W. Smith)

When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless your heart

I'll bring you more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what you have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of  
worship  
And it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing  
I've made it  
When it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus

King of endless worth  
No one could express  
How much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor

All I have is yours  
Every single breath

I'll bring you more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what you have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

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It's all about you, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing  
I've made it  
When it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus

## **Blessed Be Your Name (Matt Redman)**

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Every blessing You pour out, I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name  
Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## **GREETINGS**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 91:9-16)**

Leader: If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

**People: No harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.**

Leader: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

**People: They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

Leader: You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

**People: "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.**

Leader: He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

**All: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."**

## **GATHERING FOR FORGIVENESS**

### **Draw Me Close (Mark Hayes)**

Draw me close to you  
Never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear you say that I'm your friend  
You are my desire  
No one else will do  
'Cause nothing else can take your place  
To feel the warmth of your embrace  
Help me find the way  
Bring me back to you

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know you are near  
  
Draw me close to you  
Never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear you say that I'm your friend  
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### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    *Joel 2:13*

Pastor:    Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**People:    slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor:    Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to the Lord our God.

*Silence for reflection and confession*

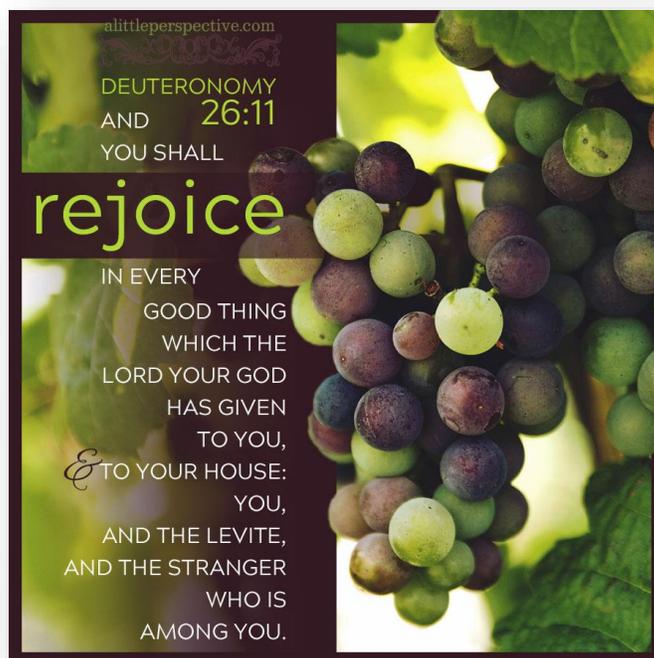
Pastor:    O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father,

**People:    we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Our sins of thought, word, and deed leave us hopeless without Your saving work in our lives. Hear us as we call out for mercy and grace. Save us by the power of Your name. Help us find our refuge in the cross of Your only Son. By Your steadfast love, draw us to Jesus that we worship You with cleansed minds and hearts. In His saving name, we pray. Amen.**

Pastor:    In the mercy of the Lord our God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are fully and freely forgiven. Since He alone is our refuge and fortress, we find peace in the forgiveness earned for all people by Jesus' death and resurrection. As your pastor, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:    Amen!**

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD



### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 26:1–11* (Firstfruits shall be given at the end of the journey.)

Reader: [Moses said,] "When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make His name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God."

Men: *A wandering Aramean was my father.*

*Women: And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.*

*Men: And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor.*

*Women: Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.*

**People: And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.**

*Men: And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.*

*Women: And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which You, O Lord, have given me.*

Reader: And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 10:8b–13* (The Word is near you.)

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one

confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, " Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 4:1–13* (Jesus defeats the devil in the wilderness.)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. The devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him,

**People: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' "**

Reader: And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, "To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours." And Jesus answered him,

**People: "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.' "**

Pastor: And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,'

and 'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him,

**People:** "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Reader: And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Great Is the Lord (Michael W. Smith)**

Great is the Lord  
He is Holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love

Great is the Lord  
He is faithful and true  
By His mercy He prove He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise  
Great is the Lord now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice  
Great is the Lord  
Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord  
He is Holy and just  
By His power we trust in His love

Great is the Lord  
He is faithful and true

By His mercy He prove He is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory  
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Great are you Lord and worthy of praise  
Great are you Lord  
Now lift up your voice  
Now lift up your voice  
Great are you Lord  
Great are you Lord

Ending:  
Great are you Lord  
Great are you Lord  
Great are you Lord

**MESSAGE** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

### **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.**

## ***GATHERING FOR THANKSGIVING***

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs. Let us pray for all who, like the Israelites, call out to God in their affliction, toil, and oppression.

**People:** **Lord, our refuge, remove their tormentors, lift their burdens, and free them from their bonds. Protect and guide all in authority to work for peace and justice across their nations and borders.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for those who fear terror at night or warfare by day; and disease, disaster, or displacement at any time, [*especially . . .*]. Be with them.

**People:** **Lord, our refuge, give them courage and peace, health, homes, and happiness. Protect and guide all who serve in local law enforcement and national armed forces, all engaged in health, healing, housing, and disaster response.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world—all who confess Jesus as Lord and believe in His resurrection.

**People: Lord, our refuge, unite Your Church as their one Lord. Guide and protect clergy and lay leaders so that they may have courage to speak and confidence in Your justification.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who are tempted in their hunger, helplessness, or weakness of faith.

**People: Lord, our refuge, give the tempted ways out of their dilemmas. Guide them to study Your Word and protect them as they grow stronger in faith.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### ***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.**

### ***OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS***

**We invite you to fill out our Friendship Card** during the offering which is found on the back of the pew. Please pass your card to the center aisle and leave in pew.

## **I Offer My Life (Don Moen)**

All that I am, all that I have  
I Lay them down before You oh Lord  
All my regrets, all my acclaim  
The joy and the pain, I'm making them  
Yours.

Lord I offer my life to you  
Everything I've been through  
Use it for your glory  
Lord I offer my days to you  
Lifting my praise to you  
As a pleasing sacrifice  
Lord I offer You my life.

Things in the past  
Things yet unseen  
Wishes and dreams  
That are yet to come true  
All of my hopes, all of my plans  
My heart and my hands  
Are lifted to You

Lord I offer my life to you

Everything I've been through  
Use it for your glory  
Lord I offer my days to you  
Lifting my praise to you  
As a pleasing sacrifice  
Lord I offer You my life.

What can we give?  
That You have not given  
And what do we have?  
That is not already Yours  
All we possess  
Are these lives we're living  
And that's what we give to You Lord.

Lord I offer my life to you  
Everything I've been through  
Use it for your glory  
Lord I offer my days to you  
Lifting my praise to you  
As a pleasing sacrifice  
Lord I offer You my life.

## ***GATHERING FOR DISMISSAL***

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you in the shelter of His wings.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and protect you from every evil.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you confident peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FINAL PRAISE SONG:**

#### **We Want To See Jesus Lifted High (Doug Horley)**

We wanna see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across the land  
That all men might see the truth and  
know  
He is the way to heaven

We wanna see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across the land  
That all men might see the truth and  
know  
He is the way to heaven

We wanna see, we wanna see  
We wanna see Jesus lifted high  
We wanna see, we wanna see  
We wanna see Jesus lifted high.

Step by step we're moving forward  
Little by little taking ground

Every prayer a powerful weapon  
Strongholds come, tumbling down  
And down, and down and down.

We wanna see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across the land  
That all men might see the truth and  
know  
He is the way to heaven

We wanna see, we wanna see  
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### **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 sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor

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*\*All the Contemporary Songs used in this Praise and Worship Service are projected on the screen (CCLI # 663075)*

## **WHERE WE SERVE**

<i>Preacher/Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Jesse Torres-Palasiq</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Norton</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Chuck Hempel</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Doug Towner</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Ruth Natiw</i> <i>Lisa Fairbairn</i>	<i>Joyce Carr</i> <i>Kathleen Smith</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Curtis Kalina</i>	
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Englert Family</i>	
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>James Bigelow</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Marilyn Breuhan</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Lenny Elliott</i>	

10	MAR, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study and Sunday School Classrooms 2,3,4 & 5 gym
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 school
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
11	MAR, MON	● 2 – 3pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Board of Evangelism office
		● 5 – 7pm	All Star Driver Education Seg 2 Room 3
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	P.R.A.Y. class 7th & 8th graders classroom 4
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
12	MAR, TUE	● 5 – 7pm	All Star Driver Education Seg 2 Room 3
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Board Meeting Business Office-room #4
13	MAR, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Ladies Bible Study Church Parish Hall
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Lenten Dinner Church Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
		● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Worship Service Church
14	MAR, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbells
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
		● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Church
15	MAR, FRI	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall
9	MAR, SAT	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 1 – 4pm	Pinewood Derby Build-Gym gym

Audio recording of the sermons and bulletins (church and school calendars) are now posted online every week @stpaulnorthville.org

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Attendance Last week :

**Sunday 3.3..2019**

8:30am - 111

11:00am - 76 = 187

Communion - 151

Sunday 3.3.2019 Bible Study - 32

Ladies Bible Study 3.6.2019 -

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**Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –**

**SUNDAYS:** - Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS** – Ladies bible study- “ Life of Jesus” study - Church Parish Hall @ 9:30am

**SATURDAYS** Men’s Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.

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Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 3/3//2019 for Church and School (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$9,842

School Income - \$ 3,161

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## Remember Our Shut-ins

**LORRAINE KEGLER**

24500 Meadowbrook Rd.

Novi, MI 48375

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*Today’s flowers are:*

*One vase in honor of Mary Lewis for all she does for the members of St. Paul’s to highlight their special days from the Wooderson’s.*

*One vase in honor of Anne’s birthday from the Burgess Family.*

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

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**SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL “Victorious” CONCERT**—The Sheboygan Lutheran High School Symphonic Band and Konzertchor from Sheboygan, WI is pleased to announce that it will be performing in Livonia, MI at 7:00pm on Saturday, March 23. The concert will be at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. “Victorious” is the theme for the concert which will feature devotional thoughts as well as a variety of sacred, choral and instrumental music. Admission is free to all who attend, however a free-will offering will be taken. Please invite family and friends to join the Sheboygan Lutheran Music Department for a wonderful night of music, worship, and fellowship. Christ Our Savior is located at: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 (just north of I-96).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

**Last Sunday the children learned about “The Visit of the Wise Men,” as told in Matthew 2. This Bible story teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to see the Savior and honor Him, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. With these gifts, He both honors and blesses us. Consider discussing, “How are we sometimes like Herod? How are we like the Wise Men?”**

**Today in Sunday School the lesson is “The Boy Jesus in the Temple.” As a boy, Jesus was found in His Father’s house. In God’s house I hear His Word, see that Jesus is my Savior, and receive His gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Because of sin, we are like Jesus’ parents and do not understand what God says to us. We don’t recognize who Jesus truly is—our Savior. Ask your children, “How does the Holy Spirit help identify who Jesus is?”**

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## Jr High Youth Gathering Grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>

Please let me know if you are interested in going  
by March 31<sup>st</sup>

Cost: \$100 per youth Sat and Sun food provide  
Leaving church Friday @ noon to do some extra fun activities  
Jeanette 248-349-3140 ext 13 or  
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

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Rev. Bill Yonker  
REV. JASON BAUER  
Valerie Matyas  
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AND YOU WILL  
**KNOW THE TRUTH.**  
AND THE TRUTH  
*will set you*  
**FREE.**

Cost: \$70 + Lodging  
Jr. High Youth Gathering  
May 31-June 2, 2019 | Frankenmuth, Mich.



# VBS 2019



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ADULTS & TEENS

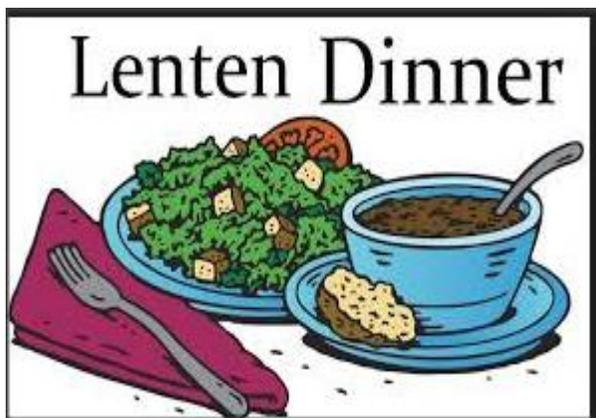
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ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

Jeanette @ stpaulnorthville.org

248-349-3140 ext13



Lenten Dinners will be upon us before you know it! Dinners are held in the church parish hall and begin at 5:30pm and end at 6:45pm before 7pm worship.

3/13/19 – Board of Social Ministry

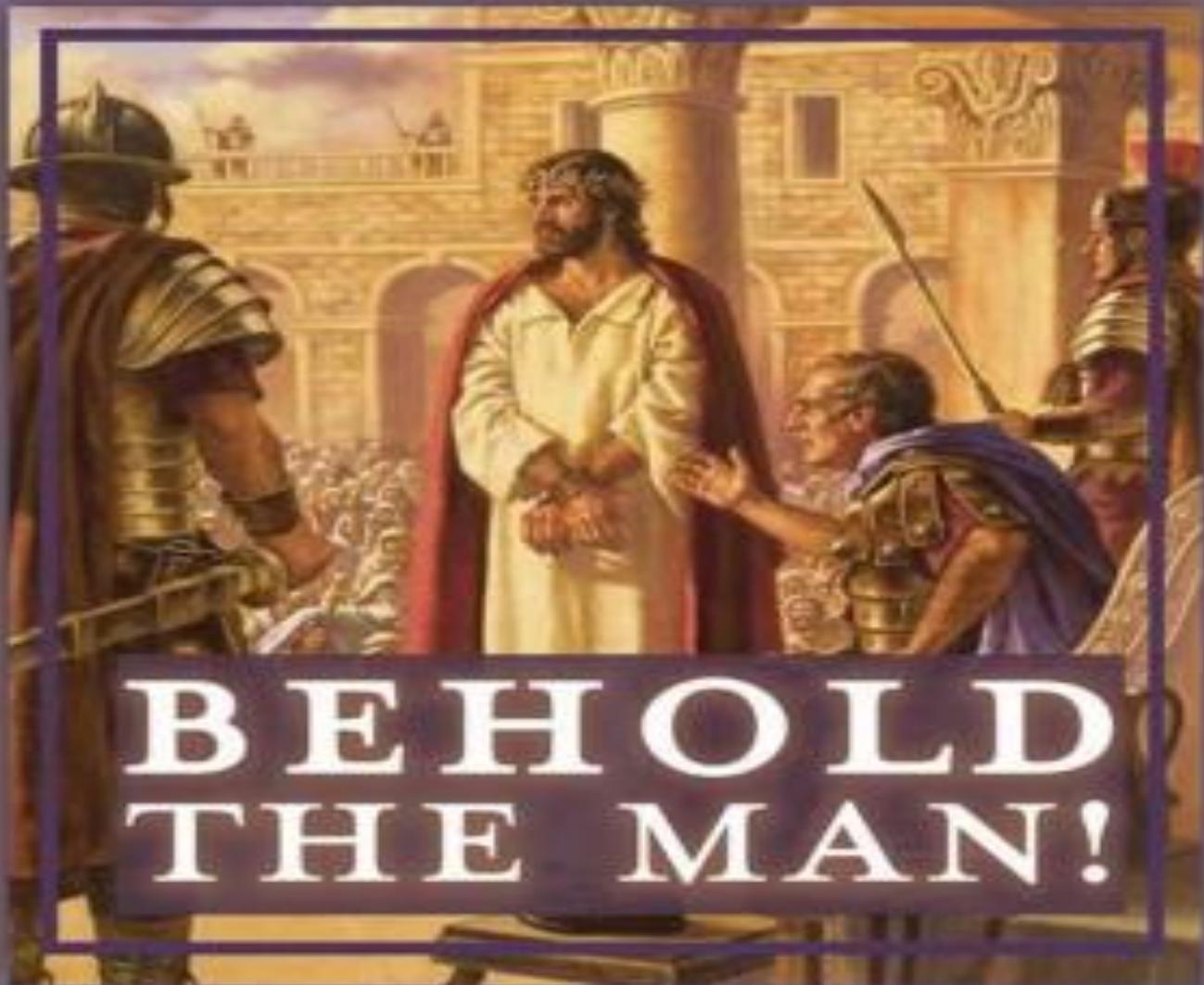
3/20/19 – Women In Christ – salad/chili

3/27/19 – Youth Group – potato bar

04/03/19 - Board of Evangelism

04/10/19 – Board of Christian Day School





# BEHOLD THE MAN!

## **MIDWEEK MIDDAY LENTEN WORSHIP**

Beginning **ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 6, **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Dearborn Heights will host *Lutherans at Lunch* (midday Lenten Worship & luncheon!) Join together Wednesday afternoons at 12:00pm for worship followed by a light lunch with brothers and sisters from area LCMS congregations! Worship and lunch all in an hour. Come during the daylight hours for worship and hear a local pastor preach! The church is located at: 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 (east of Inkster Road).



**FOREVER YOUNG**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

**NOON**

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER**

**1:00 - LIVONIA POLICE PRESENTATION:**

**“SENIOR SAFFETY & SECURITY”**



**Info/registration:** Barb Karowich 734-480-1644 ([bakelephant@comcast.net](mailto:bakelephant@comcast.net)) or  
Linda Waara 734-525-0191 ([lindawaara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindawaara@sbcglobal.net))