

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

8:30am & 11am

January 5, 2020



Epiphany Themes: Journey

AS WE GATHER

Throughout the ages, the Gospel story of Christ has been shared in spoken, written, and sung words. Each season of the Church Year is blessed by those sacred words. The Epiphany season recalls a journey by Magi to visit and worship the infant Jesus and to bring Him gifts. This day we have made a journey to this place to do the same. With the Magi of old we share the wonder of the Epiphany, as God with us—Immanuel—is shown forth.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME — Pastor

RINGING OF THE BELL

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Invocation

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

People: Amen

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God, who revealed Your glory when the Son became man,

People: turned away from You by my sinful nature, I try to do Your job—I play God. I think I know what is best for me and for other people. I try to control things over which I have no power, and I too quickly give up on things I need to change. I've hurt You, myself, and the people around me. I need help.

You are the God who knows human life both from the outside-in as creator Father, and from the inside-out as incarnate Son and indwelling Spirit. Only You can hear me, forgive me, and return me to peace with Yourself, with myself, and with the people around me.

Pastor: The God whose glory is revealed in the human life of Jesus hears your confession, and for Jesus' sake freely forgives you. Through Christ alone, we have gained access to His redemptive grace by which we now stand. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord of glory, Father of lights,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ Jesus, human, yet God,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord of glory, light of the nations,

People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast of Victory

Chorus:

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain.
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Chorus

2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength
And honor, blessing and glory are His.

Chorus

3. Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.

Chorus

4. For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun His reign, Alleluia.

Chorus

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us Pray. Almighty God, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the hoped-for promise of salvation was fully realized. Grant that we truly welcome Jesus as the King of our hearts and the ruler of our lives. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1–6* *(The people of the nations come to
worship the King.)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Ephesians 3:1–12 (The mystery of Christ revealed: good news for all people.)*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:1–12 (The Wise Men visit the child Jesus and His mother Mary.)*

Reader: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose^[b] and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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.

11 AM Give Thanks – With a Grateful Heart

HYMN

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
 from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-s
 In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
 Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*Stand***Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray.

God, who lives our human life in Jesus, You have revealed Your glory in the face of the man Christ Jesus, and spoken by Your Son promises of life and good news for all people. Grant that all who speak in Your name may do so with grace and truthfulness that through Your Word in their mouths, all people may return to peace with You, with themselves, and with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As the Magi brought their gifts to the place where the child Jesus was, direct us, O Lord, to love the place where Your presence dwells and to cherish the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering the journey of the Magi as they were led by the star, grant that we be led throughout our lives in ways that lead us to Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: On this day of reflection and of celebration, we also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who at this time are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers soon be answered and that they be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we bring forth our gifts, grant that we also offer the gift of ourselves and our lives, that we be directed by the Holy Spirit to do the work of God, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities and being agents of peace in our circles of relationships. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

At the Offering

8:30 AM

11 AM The Gift

Soloist – Cindy Kivell

Service of the Sacrament

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

Preface

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 Our Lord

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.



Sit

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. ++

11 AM Gentle Mary He Is Exalted

374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

370 What Child Is This

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

397 As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, thank You for feeding us with the body and blood of Your Son who became flesh for us. Since we have been strengthened by this Meal, fill us with Your love that it may overflow from our lives to bless the people around us. Help us to be people of Your peace to all people in this world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

11 AM In Christ Alone

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
 Pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
 Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield;
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

POSTLUDE**Acknowledgments**

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11 AM Contemporary Songs

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
 I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
 I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

In the midst of His children
 The Lord said He would be.
 It doesn't take very many
 It can be just two or three.
 And I feel that same sweet spirit
 That I felt oft times before.
 Surely I can say
 I've been with My Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
 I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
 I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

There's a holy hush around us,
 As God's glory fills this place.
 I've touched the hem of God's garment,
 I can almost see God's face.
 And my heart is over flowing
 With the fullness of God's joy.
 And I know, without a doubt,
 That I've been with the Lord.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
 I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
 I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
 His Son.
(repeat)

And now let the weak say,
 "I am strong."
 Let the poor say, "I am rich
 Because of what the Lord has done for us."
(repeat)

He Is Exalted

He is exalted,
 The King is exalted on high
 I will praise Him
 He is exalted
 Forever exalted
 And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
 Forever His truth shall reign
 Heaven and earth
 Rejoice in His holy name
 He is exalted
 The King is exalted on High
(Repeat All)

In Christ Alone

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

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

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

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

WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher/Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>		
<i>Music Director/Organist</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>		
<i>Elder</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>John Hasse</i>	
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Chris Englert</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Gretchen Hasse</i>	
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Mark Potter</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>		
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Gary Cash</i>	<i>Jeff Henning</i>
		<i>Neale Hoener</i>	<i>Mike Williamson</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Mark Baumgarten</i>	<i>Craig Miller</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>		<i>Michelle Doerfer</i>	<i>Beth Foor</i>
		<i>Christine Henning</i>	
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Nancy Berg</i>	
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>	
<i>Counters</i>		<i>Dave Tischler</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Ryan Nordbeck</i>	

Remember Our Shut-ins
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE TUESDAY NOON

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

5	JAN, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study Parish Hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 1 – 3pm	Drivers Ed. Room #3
		● 3 – 5pm	Drivers Ed Seg 2 Room #3
		● 6 – 8pm	Sunday Night AA Big Book
6	JAN, MON	● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 5 – 8pm	OLV Gym Rental gym
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Board of Evangelism room #3
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees room #5
		● 6 – 7pm	Auction Meeting room #4
		● 7 – 8pm	Bd. of Christian Ed. church office
		● 7 – 8pm	Board of Social Ministry parish hall
7	JAN, TUE	● 1 – 2pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 5 – 8pm	OLV Gym Rental gym
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders Parish Hall
8	JAN, WED	● 5 – 8pm	OLV Gym Rental gym
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Board Meeting Business Office room #4
		● 8 – 9pm	Choir

9	JAN, THU	● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 5 – 8pm	OLV Gym Rental gym
10	JAN, FRI	● 4 – 5:30pm	OLV-gym rental gym
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall
11	JAN, SAT	● 10am – 12pm	Motor City Model Club Room #3

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 12.29.19 - 8:30am - 88

11:00am – 52 = 140

Communion - 78

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

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

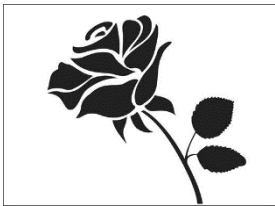
WEDNESDAY'S: Women's Bible Study 9:30 - 11:00 Church Parish Hall

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

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

Received week of 12.29.19 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$15, 431

School Income - \$ 863.45 Rental – \$1050



Today's flowers are:

In memory of Dorothy Busch, Emma Copeland and Vi Tabor from Ruth Natiw.

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

Altar Flowers – The following dates are available for altar flowers: January 12 – two vases and March 1 – one vase. The price for a vase of flowers is \$15. If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar please call Ruth Natiw, 248-348-7875.



The Board of Social Ministry will be taking down the church Christmas decorations tomorrow, January 6 beginning at 4 PM. Any help in doing so would be **truly appreciated**.



In recognition of "Life Sunday" and of our unwavering support for the sanctity of life, you are invited to attend a showing of the Christian movie, "Unplanned," on January 26 at 4 pm at St Paul's. Please note, as this is a movie intended for mature adults, we recommend that no children under 17 attend this showing.

Karen and I are sincerely thankful for the many Christmas cards and gifts that we have received and are so grateful for the ongoing support and encouragement given during my first year serving as a pastor here at St. Paul's. May God continue to bless our mutual service as we make Christ known to the people of our surrounding communities. Pastor Jim



Two ushers needed for the 11:00 am Sunday service. Ushers pass out the bulletins, help seat the congregation, ring the bells, collect offerings, count attendance, and help with communion. Ushering is once a month plus Easter & Christmas services. Please be an usher. Call Craig Miller at 248-380-5153 for any questions.

For the month of January, Women in Christ would like to highlight LWML Grant 7, Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families—Camp Restore Detroit. Working with Mt. Cavalry Lutheran Church, Camp Restore provides housing and meals for visiting volunteer mission teams. These teams serve throughout the community by cleaning properties, boarding up vacant houses, and providing caring support to those who live there. Mt. Cavalry has also established outreach services to neighborhood children, including the development of two adjacent lots into a playground and a bike path. Detroit's Green Light program helps to keep the property secure with cameras mounted around the facility. The security system also shows the neighborhood that the church is a safe place of refuge. Recently a young boy who had been stabbed by a family member came to the church for help, and a young woman who was caught in a lifestyle of prostitution sought the friendship of a visiting mission team.

God's mercy and grace will continue to be shared as you give to support this 2019-2021 LWML Grant. January is one of four months in which MITE boxes are collected. Please place your filled MITE box in the large MITE box in the narthex. Thank you for your generous support in the past.

MI District Gatherings for All Ages
SAVE THE DATE

JR Youth - June 5 – June 7 Frankenmuth “20/20 Vision”

SR Youth - June 28 - July 1 Mackinac Island “Anchored in Hope”

Adult – October 9 – October 11 Mackinac Island

Next year is filled with a lot of fun. For everyone. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. More info to follow.

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Thanks to the 32 Carolers that showed up on Sunday, December 22nd. We were able to go sing to five of our shut-in's of St Paul. They appreciated it very much. A high point was seeing Elaine Cash, who is 99 years old. She told us she's been a member for about 70 years and when she heard we would be coming, arranged to have 25 people in the residence entryway to attend our "mini-concert." More thanks to the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Group who prepared twelve gift bags that we could deliver. The rest of our shut-in's received personal visits from some of our Carolers. Another thank you to Ruth Fisher who prepared a nice devotional gift on the Meaning of the Candy Cane. This is a wonderful tradition and we hope it continues to share our love with those we care about.

THE FAMILY OF GOD MEALS have been occurring since December 2009 when a group from St Paul drove down on a cold and rainy night to deliver our first meal. Another meal went down on Wednesday the 18th but this time there were four times as many people than ten years ago. We served sliced turkey (thanks to Ruban and Alina Belvaderan, school parents), also sliced ham, cheesy hashbrown potatoe csserole, peas and carrots, fresh cranberry relish, buttered rolls, brownies and a beverage. The servers were: Wayne Gray, John Hasse, Will & Barbara Hoffmeier, Rich Mai. There were a record number of cooks this time (which is a very good thing - never too many cooks in the kitchen!) Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Kathy Verseman, Marti Gilchrist, Janet Wisner, Sue Mai, Marilyn Edick, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier, Doris Oltersdorf, Nancy Berg. Brownie Bakers: Bernice Baggett, Marilyn Bruehan, Carole Crete, Chris Henning, Kathy Hoener, Ruth Fisher. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MAKE THIS MISSION POSSIBLE!

MISSION TRIP UP-DATE: April 4 - 11, 2020 will be our St Paul Mission Trip to Puerto Rico for a Construction Project in Mayaguez. We'd like to have a few more people join us so if you're interested please contact Jake Fairbairn, Team Laison, or Barbara Hoffmeier, Team Leader. It's not too late to sign up! We'll begin our Team Training the middle of January.

The Advent Calendar Fundraiser will finish up the end of December. Envelopes were provided with a request to help with "sending" the Mission Trip "goers" by turning in monetary donations to our designated account "2020 Mission Trip." If you would still like to contribute to this cause you can write a check to St Paul Lutheran Church and on the memo line put "2020 Mission Trip." With our Saurkraut Sale Fundraiser, \$300. + was raised. With our Bake Sale, \$500. + was made. With our Yankee Candle Sales, \$300. + Our next event is the Euchre Night on January 18th then a Chili Cook-Off on February 8th. Thank you for your support.



Fiesta de Euchre (Euchre Party)

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When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville, Parish Hall

Time: 7- 9 pm. Cost: \$15 per person

All proceeds will go to the April 2020 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Price includes: card competition, heavy appetizers, beer, wine, prizes, and most of all, great fellowship. The nursery will be open and available for children to play. No adult supervision will be present in the nursery. Please invite your friends and family. There will be a learning table for those that wish to challenge themselves to learn something new. Euchre is a game for all ages. ***Please plan to attend and support our friends who will fly to Puerto Rico and work on a construction project. Ven y disfruta (come and enjoy).*** Questions, contact Claudia Williamson at 248-380-4317.

Dear Congregation, Thank you for the cards, gifts, kind words and compliments at the lovely reception for me. The choir's heartfelt songs were a wonderful surprise. The cake was beautiful and delicious! Thanks to the people who planned the reception and those who served. All in all, the outpouring of your love for me was profound. Thank you and remember I love you! Marty Giltinan.