

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:30 AM

February 16, 2020



Reconciliation and Peace

AS WE GATHER

We consider today all of the division and conflict that exists in the world, in our church, and in our lives. Jesus cares deeply about reconciliation, about people coming together and forgiving one another. It is even part of the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Whatever grudges you are holding can be overcome with the peace of Christ.

PRELUDE – Variation on Hymn Themes

WELCOME – Pastor

RINGING OF THE BELL

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

(sung to the tune of 444, "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet")

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
 You taught us, Lord, to pray;
 But You alone can grant us grace
 To live the words we say.
 How can Your pardon reach and bless
 The unforgiving heart
 That broods on wrongs and will not let
 Old bitterness depart?

- 2 In blazing light Your cross reveals
 The truth we dimly knew:
 What trivial debts are owed to us,
 How great our debt to You!
 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
 And bid resentment cease;
 Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
 Our lives will spread Your peace.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

People: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called sons of God.

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation.

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God calls on us to be blameless, to live in peace with one another, to not hold grudges or be angry with anyone. But we have failed to live as God has instructed. We have created division and discord. We have refused to be reconciled with others. We come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

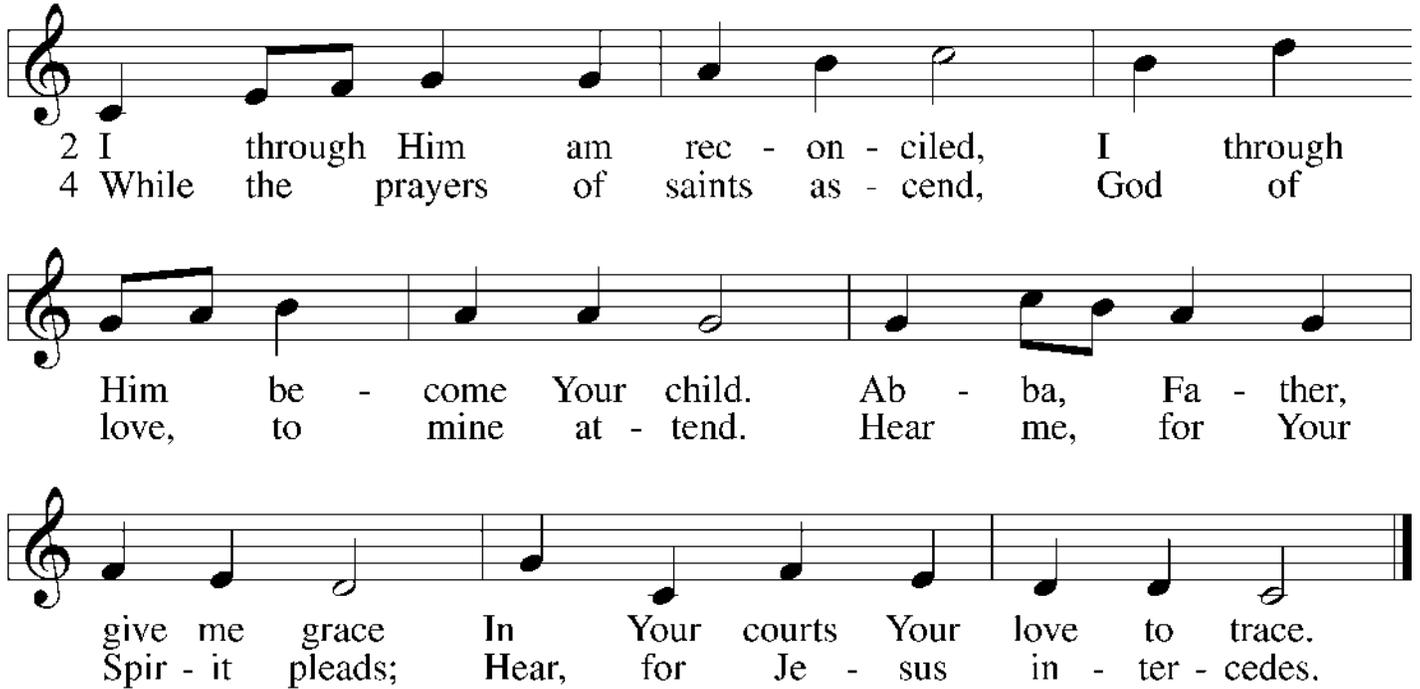
Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have not always walked in Your ways. We confess that we have ignored and avoided conflict rather than seek reconciliation. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Bring Your reconciliation and peace that surpasses all understanding into our lives.

Pastor: Even though we have held on to our anger and resentment of others, our heavenly Father sent Jesus to be our reconciliation and peace. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled to God and can approach Him in all confidence. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled with one another. 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. We are reconciled and at peace with God. We are forgiven in Christ.

981 To Your Temple, Lord, I Come



2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of

Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your

give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to bring us peace and reconciliation. Grant that we may forgive others as You have forgiven us by the blood of Jesus; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 3:1–9*

(Paul planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth.)

Divisions in the Church

3 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. **2** I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, **3** for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? **4** For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. **7** So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. **8** He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. **9** For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:21–37*

(Leave your gift and go be reconciled.)

Anger

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' **22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. **23** So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar and go. First **be reconciled** to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. **25** Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. **26** Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Lust

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Divorce

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

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.

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to reconcile the world to Yourself and to make peace by the blood of His cross. Give us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with one another, that Your peace that surpasses all understanding rule our hearts and minds. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, there are many divisions in Your Church. Too often we have identified ourselves as those who follow earthly leaders, rather than as those who follow Christ. Bring unity where there is division, peace where there is discord, and reconciliation where there is conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Console them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal peace and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all marriages, encourage those who are single, and help us to recognize the value of each person, for all have been redeemed by Christ, the Crucified and Risen One. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, bless all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they plant and water good seed in Your kingdom. We humbly ask You to provide growth where and when You will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. 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.

At the Offering: All Praise to Thee – St Paul’s Choir

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. ++

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying – St Paul's Choir

628 Your Table I Approach



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
 Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended
 The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching,
 Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us,
 His love shall unite us
 To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
 To God ever-living,
 The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 In love ever caring,
 Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
 With Your feast You feed us,
 With Your light now lead us;
 Unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living
 With praise and thanksgiving
 Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
 Bless the One whose grace
 unbounded

This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder

That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are
countless:

With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;

Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to be our reconciliation and our peace. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament and empower us to walk in Your light; 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: 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.
Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My

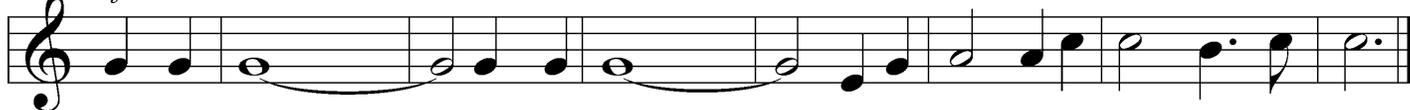


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and 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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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Music Director/Organist</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Will Hoffmeier</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Fred Winternheimer</i> <i>Barry Helmick</i>	<i>John Nordbeck</i> <i>Carole Crete</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Karen Frusti</i> <i>Janet Wisner</i>	<i>Mary Lewis</i> <i>Beth Young</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Joey Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Dave Tischler</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Fairbairn Family</i>	
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Williamson Family</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Karin Kemnitz</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

16	FEB, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study Parish Hall
		● 10 – 11am	Mission Trip Meeting room #3 school
		● 11am – 4pm	Bridal Shower - Frusti Parish Hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 6 – 8pm	Sunday Night AA Big Book
17	FEB, MON	● All day	SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
		● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	Drivers Ed Seg. 2 room #3
18	FEB, TUE	● All day	SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
		● 1 – 2pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 5 – 7pm	Driver Education room #3
		● 7 – 9pm	Drivers Education Seg. 2 room #3
19	FEB, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
		● 5 – 7pm	Driver Education room #3
		● 7 – 9pm	Drivers Education Seg. 2 room #3

20	FEB, THU	● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 5 – 7pm	Driver Education room #3
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Hanbells church hallway
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Choir church parish hall
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Scouts Rooms #4 & #5
		● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Praise Team Practice church
21	FEB, FRI	● 4 – 5:30pm	OLV-gym rental gym
		● 5 – 8pm	Drivers Education room #3
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall
22	FEB, SAT	● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall
		● 10am – 12pm	Motor City Model Club Room #3
		● 11am – 12pm	PB&J MISSON School Kitchen

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 2.9.20 - 8:30am - 109

Communion - 87

11:00am - 106 = 215

Sunday Bible Study -

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 2.9.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$10,526.30

School Income - \$2,191.28

Rental Income - \$600

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

Received week of 2.2.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$8,904.10

Rental Income - \$1,507.50

Today's flowers are:

One vase in memory of Bill's Aunt Cecilia Lepkowski and one vase in memory of Janet's mother, Olga Paschke, from Bill and Janet Kovalak.

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

HELP is needed for preparing and serving the meal at the Family of God on Wednesday, February 19th. Cooks from 2:00 to 4:00 in the school kitchen; Servers from 5:00 to 8:30 (report to the school kitchen to load the van then ride to the mission in southwest Detroit.) Brownie Coordinator this month: Ruth Fisher # 248.231.1315. Please text or call Barbara Hoffmeier if you have any questions #248.756.3035.

Dear Puerto Rico Goers and Senders, Another Chili Cook Off/Bingo Event is in the books. We had 11 chili cookers, with a big variety and all were very good. There were 99 votes cast, the 1st place winner was Dave Austin, 2nd Place was Tom Norton, and 3rd Place was Elizabeth Thomas. The prizes were cooking utensils. We counted 48 in attendance. The chili/bingo raised over \$400 and another \$100 from the left-over bake sale on Sunday after the services. Thank you to everyone that baked a prize for the bingo we had a good variety and plenty to choose from.

A big thank you to the Team for setting up, serving and cleaning up; to Jan Paver and Nancy Berg- for calling the bingo; Jeanette - for collecting the money for bingo sales; a special thanks to Beth Hempel for coordinating the event and for Lindsay and Matt - for tending the drink bar and ice cream bar.

This was a lot of fun and it was great to see about a dozen non-church members come for fellowship also. Please continue to lift up the mission trip in your prayers, especially for the Receivers who will be hosting the Team from St Paul; the community they will be serving; and the Team members who are preparing for their mission together April 4 through 11th.

For the month of February, Women in Christ would like to highlight LWML Grant 3, Food for the Food and Clothing Cooperative of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN. Our future pastors and church leaders are the key to the future of the church. The cost of an education for an individual attending one of our theological seminaries can range from \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. The Food and Clothing Cooperative provides critical support for these future leaders and their families as they prepare to serve God.

Prayer: Dear Lord, please bless our future church leaders and bless our mite offerings that they may provide the support that enables them to serve. In Jesus' name, Amen.



The previous lesson showed the children how “marvelous” Jesus is. We learned about all the marvelous deeds He did throughout history, the one’s He is doing today and tomorrow. They also learn that Jesus is the “Best Superhero” and He will protect us forever!

Today in Sunday School the children will experience the wonder the wise men must have felt when they discovered the Savior who came for everyone. We all need to remember that Jesus came for all people, no matter what country we are from or what color our skin is Jesus loves us all.

Two of our scouts, Steven Luedeman and Nathan Grimmer, recently earned the Four Star Recipient Award. This award was earned by participating, over many years, in the God and Life P.R.A.Y program series. It is a program that teaches Christian love and service. They are members of Troop 777 in Northville. The young men were recognized by their troop at a special ceremony this week. Congratulations to Steven and Nathan for their hard work and commitment to faith.

It was a cold and snowy evening that we traveled to Southwest Detroit to serve the meal at Family of God that you all so graciously and sacrificially provided. This week the Lord really impressed upon me the sacrifices each of you make to help us provide the meals for Family of God. This month, our casserole makers, Mary Lou Jaussi, Bill and Jan Kovalk, Linda Daul, Kathy Verseman, Gretchen Hasse, Janet Wisner and Beth Hempel. who shopped, purchased, prepared, baked and delivered their casseroles. Our salad preparer and Carole Crete who purchased rolls and butter. Karen Frusti supplied our fresh fruit, wonderful oranges and bananas, their favorite. Doris purchased our beverages and Janet Wisner made many scrumptious cookies as well. Kathy Hoener supplied our plates this month. Each of you volunteer your time and treasurers to help serve the less fortunate, we want to thank you all very much. We enjoyed a wonderful Bible Study led by Sue Hatcher, the original Bible study leader of the mission. Pat Melton, Margo and myself enjoyed safe travel to and from and we thank God for allowing us to be able to fellowship with all those that attend. Margo passed out some beautiful hats and scarfs that were made by one of her friends. The hats were so darn cute, the kids had the biggest smiles. Lord thank you.

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

This 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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Lent Dinners will be here before you know it! Have your group or Board sign up to host a dinner before 7pm Worship! We have two slots open- call the church office if you would like to take it! 248-349-3140.

2/26/2020 - (Ash Wednesday) VBS

3/4/2020 - Board of Evangelism

3/11/ 2020 - Board of Christian Day School

3/18/2020 - Board of Social Ministry

3/25-2020 - Board of Elders

4/1/2020 - OPEN



We all experience challenges in life—times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than

pastors can effectively meet by themselves. Stephen Ministry provides a biblical solution—equipping God’s people for ministry. Gifted lay people are trained to support and extend the care that pastors continue to provide. Stephen Ministers reach out with God’s love to people who are hurting—both congregation members and nonmembers alike. A **Stephen Ministry program** provides the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty. The Board of Elders would like to bring such a program to St. Paul. We are looking for a few people to attend a half-day introductory workshop which allows the attendees to experience a sample of Stephen Minister training and learn how our church can begin a Stephen Ministry. The Introductory Workshop features three sessions: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief, an Introduction to Stephen Ministry, and How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. The workshop meets **March 14, 2020, in Toledo, Ohio**. If you are at all interested, why not take time to attend the workshop!! Please let Linda Johnson or one of the Pastors know if you are interested.

Lent / Holy Week Schedule 2020

2/26/2020 – Lent 12 noon service (lunch following)

2/26/2020 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm –Lent Worship – 7pm – Ash Wednesday

3/4/2020 – Lent 12 noon service (lunch following)

3/4/2020 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/11/2020 – Lent 12 noon service (lunch following)

3/11/2020 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/18/2020 – Lent 12 noon service (lunch following)

3/18/2020 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/25/2020 – Lent 12 noon service (lunch following)

3/25/2020 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – Lent Worship – 7pm

4/1/2020 – Lent 12 noon service (lunch following)

4/1/2020 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – Lent Worship – 7pm

4/5/2020 – Palm Sunday Worship – 10am

4/9/2020 – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7pm

4/10/2020 – Good Friday Worship – 1pm with Holy Communion and 7pm

4/12/2020 – Easter Sunday Worship – 8:30am and 11am