

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30am

April 11, 2021



A Resurrection Nickname

AS WE GATHER

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel recalls the issue of the absence of the apostle Thomas at the Lord's first appearance and His special appearance to Thomas "eight days later." Because of that we have given him the nickname "doubting Thomas." "Doubting" is actually a kind word for the apostle's refusal to believe! The apostles gave a disciple named Joseph the nickname Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement." The testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus gave Barnabas the grace and power to be an encourager by his generosity. That same fact of Easter gives us the grace and power to become encouragers of one other.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
 And look upon My hands, My feet;
 Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 John 1:5b–7*

Pastor: God is light,

People: and in Him is no darkness at all.

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

People: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

People: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Pastor: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

People: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: If we say we have not sinned,

People: we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Pastor: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. By the gracious gift of the risen Lord, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, by the joy of our Lord's resurrection You filled the heart of Thomas with saving faith. Give to us this same faith and joy that we may reflect Your heart of love to those around us.

People: **Grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God. Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 4:32–35 NLT (The Believers Share Their Possessions)

Reader: ³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

People: ³³ **The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all.**

Reader: ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

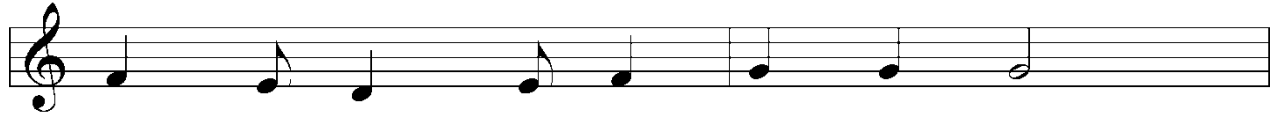
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Children's Message

930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;

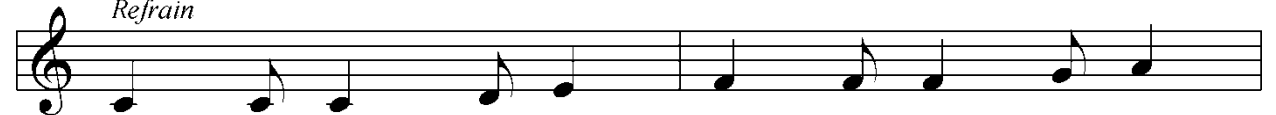


Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:

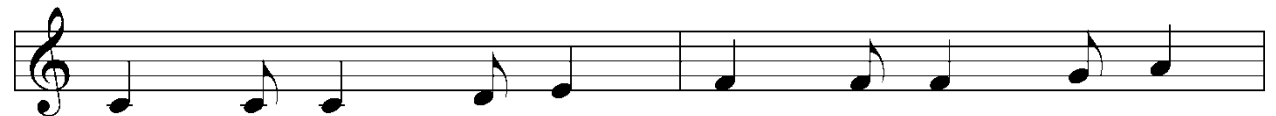
Refrain



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!

- 5 Come, humanity, sing along,
 Sing, you people of God, a song;
 Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
 Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19–31* (*Thomas no longer doubts the resurrection.*)

Reader: That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

People: “Peace be with you,” he said.

Reader: As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said,

People: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

Reader: Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

People: But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

Reader: Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them.

People: “Peace be with you,” he said.

Reader: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

People: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

Reader: The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

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.

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;

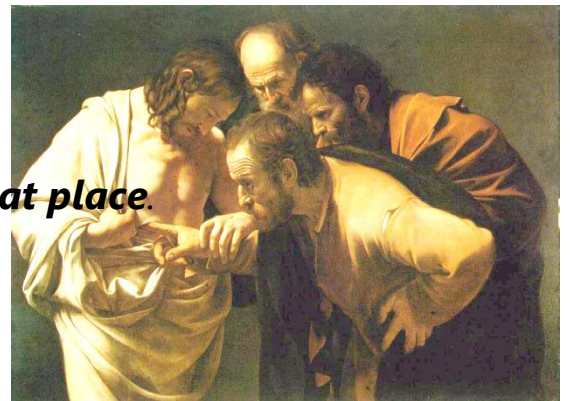


When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

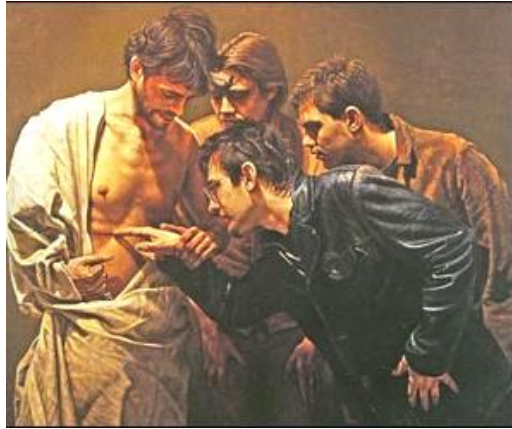
MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

What holds you back from believing without seeing?

No matter where You are in our relationship with Jesus today, the good news is that He meets you in **that place**.



6 Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Great God, we thank You for the victory over sin and death won for us by the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus. We, though many, praise You as with one heart and soul with the whole creation. Strengthen our faith and love that we may bring Your light and joy to everyone around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As You gave the apostles to be witnesses to the world of our Lord's resurrection, so grant boldness to all pastors and preachers in Your Church to confidently proclaim the forgiveness of sins and eternal life by faith in the risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May the witness of Your Church throughout the world inspire the leaders of nations to serve all people, protecting us from harm and leading us in the paths of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May the Gospel of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus bind us together in faith to be of one heart and soul. Enable us to be encouragers of others with our words of encouragement and our generosity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As the whole creation gives You praise for Your gift of release from sin and death, so count as praise every word of hope and prayer uttered by those who suffer any adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Bring Your loving, healing touch to all in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We join our voices with the whole company of heaven giving You praise especially for Thomas and the other apostles, and all Your saints who give us the example of faith. For all those who have died with the sign of faith, we give You thanks and bless You for the gift of eternal life. In confidence we know,

People: You hear our prayer. Thank you Lord. 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

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front and back of the church. **Thank you.**

St. Paul appreciates the continued support of those worshipping with us online and in person as we each help in sharing the amazing love of Jesus!

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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

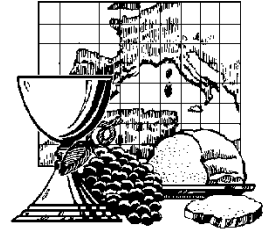
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

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

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. ++

472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The
 2 The vi - sion of his skept - tic mind Was
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the
 keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -
 one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers
 thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
 pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.
 read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.
 palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

828 We Are Called to Stand Together



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,

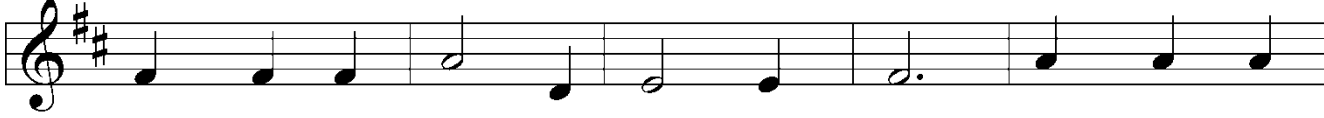


In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father, by Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your only Son, that believing in Him, we may have everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit, give to us Your comfort in trouble and guard us against all doubt, that we remain steadfast in the faith and come, at last, to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
 All you humble, His praise impart;
 God the Father and Son adore,
 Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
 Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
 All you works of God, bless the Lord!

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

667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

- 1 Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:
“Well done, My servant!”

- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.

- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

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 Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director/Organist</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Chris Dempster</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Barry and Mia Helmick</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jerry Krause</i> <i>Paul Breuhan</i> <i>David Howard</i>	<i>Ron Breuhan</i> <i>Jake Fairbairn</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Werman Family</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Melissa Raikes</i> <i>Ruth Natiw</i>	<i>Lynda Luedeman</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Sue Poole</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Lisa Fairbairn</i> <i>Jan Paver</i>	<i>Ruth Natiw</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>OPEN</i>	

News & Notes

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 4.4.2021 Easter Sunday

8:30am - 117

11:00am - 78 = 195

Communion - 146

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 – 9:30am , church parish hall.

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

11	APR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 School
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 1pm	Board of Evangelism church parish hall
		● 1 – 4pm	Tom Norton - gym -
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
12	APR, MON	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Childcare, New member Class
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Newcomer Class parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Room #5
13	APR, TUE	● 6 – 9pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. (NBA)
14	APR, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice church parish hall
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting Room #4 - conference room
15	APR, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbell Practice church narthex
16	APR, FRI	● 6 – 7:30pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. (NBA)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
17	APR, SAT	● 9am – 12pm	Coach V - Always Basketball gym
		● 5 – 6pm	Movie Night parish hall

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

Received week of 3.7.2021 - for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$33,880

School - \$326

Rental - \$600

*total includes online giving

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Phyliss Zarrish
520 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

Altar Flowers this week are :

In honor of Sherry Manning's birthday from her sister Marlene Shoebridge.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 10am service.



**FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT
IT'S FREE
SATURDAY APRIL 17 @ 5PM**



PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN
**Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go
enjoy a night out.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.
Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director
248-349-3140 ext 13
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

Let's get together; our Wayne Oak Hills Zone is planning our Spring Rally, Encourage One Another. Join us in welcoming our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Michigan District President, MaryBeth Heikkinen as she encourages us in the work God has laid out for us to do. We are going to safely gather at Shadow of the Cross, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, with registration beginning at 9:00am, Saturday April 24th. We will be served a mini-continental boxed breakfast by the ladies of our host church. We will have an in-gathering of any size diapers for St. Michael's Swaddling Clothes Store. There will be a short business meeting as well. We welcome ladies of all ages to come, listen, learn and grow with us. Please let Nancy Berg (248)756.4031 or Sue Poole (248)904.9080 know if you are planning to attend, we can car pool if you like.

Crosses It is with great JOY that the students of St. Paul made the crosses you see around the church. We want to remind you of the great love that Jesus showed through His death and resurrection. The faculty and staff have been excited to share the Easter message with our students and families, and we wanted to share that wonderful message with you too! It is all about the cross!

Positions Available at St. Paul

Our first grade teacher, Ms. Laura Kitzman, has accepted a call to be the Early Childhood Director at St. Michael in Wayne, and as our enrollment increases we will need to make 3rd grade an independent class this fall. Also our morning care person will be doing an internship starting sometime in May and we will need someone to supervise a small group of children from 7:00 am-8:30 am every morning till June 9th. If you are interested or you know of someone we should contact concerning any of these positions please contact Mrs. Pifer at (586)596-1444.

Positions available are-

First Grade Teacher - Full Time starting August 15

Third Grade teacher - Full Time starting August 15

Morning Care Supervisor - May till June 9 (\$12/hour)



Stephen Ministry Information Sunday - Sunday April 11th @ 9:45 in Parish Hall -Come hear and see what Stephen Minister is about and how it is designed to train laypeople for a caring ministry. Loving others in Jesus' name is a challenge and an opportunity for all God's children. Likewise, the joy of helping others is the privilege of all Christians, for the Holy Spirit has given gifts to each Christian to use in service to others and to build up the church (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Stephen Ministry will rely on the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to our lay members so that, as more people are equipped to care, Christ's love for us will be able to go out from us in ever greater and more effective ways.

What a meal we had at the Family of God for St Patrick's Day! For the first time in eleven years we served Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots with Brownies, green Jello, Shamrock Cookies, Bananas and Beverages (complete with a bright green tablecloth and necklaces for the servers.) It was a real hit and many had compliments and appreciation for our service. There were about 30 in attendance but we served 60 meals, as many came back for take-out boxes. Thank you to our SERVERS: Father and son Ernie and Chris Edick, Joanne Bandoni, Nancy Berg and Barbara Hoffmeier. Our COOKS were: Nancy Berg, Marilyn Edick, Chris Henning, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Sue Mai and Kathy Verseman. Our BROWNIE BAKERS were: Anne Burgess, Mary Lewis and Shirley Mapes. *A special thank you to Missy Kruecher who arranged for gals from the Honor Society at Mercy High School to bring us two huge bags of brownies to take down for the mission.*

The following week the "FoG Kitchen Crew" served their famous Chicken Tamale Casserole and the fixings at the St Paul Lenten Dinner, Wednesday, March 24th. Thank you to the people who came and contributed to our designated fund. That will keep us going to purchase food for our Family of God meals once a month. If anyone wants to apply for a Thrivent Action Card (for \$250) please let Barbara know so she can assign you a month. Thanks.

Another mission trip from our church is being planned through MOST Ministries for November. In the past, we have had a number of women from our congregation who have received scholarships from LWML go on MOST trips. Women in Christ would like to highlight a \$25,000 mission grant entitled “Share Missions with a Friend MOST Scholarships.” This grant will provide scholarships for the next two years for 20 LWML members and one friend each who have never served in the mission field on short-term mission trips. Please keep filling your MITE box and bring it in during the month of April. Women in Christ appreciates your faithfulness in contributing to the LWML grants.

Newcomer Class is beginning soon! A new group will meet on Monday evenings **April 12th, 19th and 26th at 6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequaled story of how God’s remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and forever. Whether you are new to our church or looking to transfer from another church home, this open discussion group is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Please call the church office to register! 248-349-3140 ext. 10. **All are welcome! Childcare available!** If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church, **THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!**

Laugh 4 Hope: Are you in need of some good family friendly humor? Are you tired of the usual Netflix fare and need something fresh? Another Way Pregnancy Center is hosting a fun filled comedy night on **Friday, April 23**, starring Robert G. Lee. Robert has written several episodes of the popular Veggie Tales video series. His latest clean comedy project is called, *I’m Sorry!* Robert recently wrote and directed a faith-based screwball comedy feature called, *Can I Get A Witness Protection?* Check him out on YouTube. The event takes place at **Ward Church in Northville and starts at 7:00 pm.** Tickets are \$25 per person or two tickets for \$40. Tickets are available at awpcfriends.org/events or by calling 248-939-5900. There is a sign up sheet on a table in the church foyer. By signing your name we will be able to group St. Paul people together at the event. You must however purchase your ticket on the website. All proceeds go toward supporting and empowering families experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Join us for this special evening to advocate for LIFE through laughter and fellowship.



Dear Church Family – Thank you so much for the beautiful reception for my 20th years of employment at St. Paul Lutheran Church on March 21.21. I feel so very blessed to have my job also be “my family”. Everyone is so generous and kind to me and I am grateful to each and every one of you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Love Margo

From our Music Director: Paul Ventimiglia **Grand Piano**

As you know, we are taking contributions for the purchase of a Grand Piano for the Sanctuary.

- 1) For those looking for a way to contribute on-line, please visit our website. <https://stpaulnorthville.org/>, and look for / click on the “Make a Donation” button at the bottom right corner of the Home page. It will take you to a menu where you can select “Music Ministry” to direct your donation towards the Grand Piano purchase.



CHURCH SPECIAL DONATIONS

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- 2) If you prefer to donate by check, make it out to St. Paul Lutheran and be sure to add “**Grand Piano**” in the memo area of your check and we’ll ensure it goes towards the Piano purchase!

It is my sincere feeling that the purchase of a grand piano would take our music program to a new and higher level. The beautiful sound coming from a majestic instrument like a grand piano will fill our church, with its natural acoustics, with music fit for the glory of God. No doubt too, that it’s intrinsic beauty will only add to the existing beauty of the sanctuary.

Please join us on this journey as we continue to enhance our music ministry here at St. Paul. It will be one we can share together and keeps on giving -back to congregation in the years to come.