

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11:00 AM

November 28, 2021



Enthroned the King upon Your Heart

AS WE GATHER

While the secular calendar won't switch to 2022 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting for God to come to us and celebrating the various ways in which God does indeed come to us. Today we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We lift our voices in praise for our King who comes to us in humility. We unite our hearts to His humble example, seeking to share with the world the good news of His kingdom and His coming.

The day is still coming when Christ will return and all creation will be restored. Jesus fills our days—good or bad, joyful or sorrowful—with His gracious presence from now until He returns on that great Last Day.

Prelude**WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn****RINGING OF THE BELL**

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
 In our hearts again
 Increase in us we pray
 Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
 Like wildfire in our very souls
 Holy Spirit come invade us now
 We are Your church
 We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
 We hunger and we thirst
 Refuse to waste our lives
 For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released
 The hurt the sick the poor at peace
 We lay down our lives for heaven's
 cause
 We are Your church
 We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
 Reaching the near and far
 No force of hell can stop
 Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this
 Awake the kingdom seed in us
 Fill us with the strength and love of
 Christ
 We are Your church
 We are the hope on earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

✘ **PREPARATION** ✘

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 25:6–7*

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Father, we confess to You the brokenness of our hearts. They are by nature sinful. They are filled with things unpleasing to You.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: Father, remove our ungratefulness, our bitterness, and all of our transgressions. Cleanse us from our sin, and wash us again in the cleansing blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

People: Father, in Your goodness and mercy, restore us as Your children. Guide us with Your hand that we may walk in thankfulness for Your never-failing love. Amen.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father, for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, hears and answers our pleas for His forgiving grace. Cleansed and renewed in body and soul, we can be thankful for His forgiving love—a love that never fails!

Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✘ **WORD** ✘**INTROIT** *Psalm 51:10–12*

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence,

People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

✘ **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** ✘

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

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

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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your kingly majesty we may be protected from our enemies and be joined to Your humble and holy reign; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

(The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.)

¹⁴ "The day will come, says the Lord, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good things I have promised them.

¹⁵ "In those days and at that time
I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line.
He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

¹⁶ In that day Judah will be saved,
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this will be its name:

'The Lord Is Our Righteousness.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

(Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.)

Reader: ⁹ How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence.

People: ¹⁰ **Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith.** ¹¹ **May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon.**

Reader: ¹² And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. ¹³ May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Psalm 24*

Pastor: Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors!

People: The King of glory is coming in! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 19:28–40* (We praise the King who comes to save us.)

Reader: ²⁸ After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" ³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. ³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

People: ³⁸ **"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"**

Reader: ³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!"

⁴⁰ He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

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.

It Is Well with My Soul

Oh, my life is filled with white-hot anxiety,
Though I think I wear it very well,
I still worry bout' what people might think
of me
If they ever saw me past my outer shell.

I know how to worry.
I've chewed my fingernails to the bone.

Oh, I've got my share of problems
Still it is well with my soul
Sometimes I wrestle with my conscience
Still it is well with my soul

Lord, I think about all that you've
Done for me.
Lord, I think about it all the time.
But sometimes a ghost from the past
starts
Really haunting me,
Stickin' those awful feelings in my mind.

I won't let it get to me, no.
I ain't walkin' down that old, dark road.

Oh, I've got my share of problems
Still it is well with my soul
Don't always know just how to solve them
Still it is well with my soul

Since I've been given true forgiveness
And it is well with my soul
I'll be about my father's business
And it is well with my soul

In my soul / I can see clearly
In my soul / Through the darkness
surrounding me
Once you've tasted and seen
Then you'll know what I mean
There ain't nothin' gonna keep me down,

Oh, I've got my share of problems
 Still it is well with my soul
 Don't always know just how to solve them
 Still it is well with my soul

Since I've been given true forgiveness
 And it is well with my soul

I'll be about my father's business
 And it is well with my soul

with my soul, with my soul, with my soul
 It is well with my soul

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*How do you prepare to receive the King of salvation into your celebrations?
 What do you do to nourish and KEEP YOUR FAITH strong and nourished?*

My Jesus

Verse 1

Are you past the point of weary
 Is your burden weighing heavy
 Is it all too much to carry
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Do you feel that empty feeling
 'Cause shame's done all its stealing
 And you're desperate for some healing
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Chorus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
 Rises up from an empty grave
 Ain't no sinner that He can't save
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

His love is strong and His grace is free
 And the good news is I know that He
 Can do for you what He's done for me
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 Amen, Amen

Verse 2

Who can wipe away the tears
 From broken dreams and wasted years
 And tell the past to disappear
 Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 And all the wrong turns that you would
 Go and undo if you could
 Who can work it all for your good
 Let me tell you about my Jesus

Chorus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
 Rises up from an empty grave
 Ain't no sinner that He can't save
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

His love is strong and His grace is free
 And the good news is I know that He
 Can do for you what He's done for me
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Amen, Amen

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Amen, Amen

Verse

Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

Chorus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Amen, Amen

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Amen, Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, [*especially* . . .]. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: 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.**

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.

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into
darkness
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You.
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus
Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to this earth You
created
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus
Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon the cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon the cross.

Chorus
Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

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.

Benediction

Pastor:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

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

Only Jesus

Make it count leave a mark build a
name for yourself
Dream your dreams chase your heart
above all else
Make a name the world remembers

But all an empty world can sell is empty
dreams

I got lost in the light when it was up to
me
To make a name the world remembers

But Jesus is the only name to
remember

Chorus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a
legacy

I don't care if they remember me

Only Jesus

And I, I, I - I've only got one life to live
I'll let every second point to Him

Only Jesus

All the kingdoms built all the trophies
won

Will crumble into dust when it's said
and done

'Cause all that really matters

Did I live the truth to the ones I love
Was my life the proof that there is only
One

Whose name will last forever

Chorus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a
legacy

I don't care if they remember me

Only Jesus

And I, I, I - I've only got one life to live
I'll let every second point to Him

Only Jesus

Bridge

Jesus is the only name

Jesus is the only name

Jesus is the only name to remember

(2x)

Chorus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a
legacy

I don't care if they remember me

Only Jesus

And I, I, I - I've only got one life to live
I'll let every second point to Him

Only Jesus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a
legacy

I don't care if they remember me

Only Jesus

WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Officiant

Pastor Jim Frusti

Music Director

Paul Ventimiglia

Family Life Director

Jeanette Koch

Elder

Dennis Verseman

Ushers

Christian Krauter

Jeanette Koch

Welcome Center

Kathy Verseman

Greeters

Kovalak Family

Tech Team

James Nordbeck

Counters

*Jane Ripper
Allen Ripper*

Janet Wisner

28	NOV, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
29	NOV, MON	● 7:30 – 9pm	Always Basketball gym
30	NOV, TUE	● 6 – 9:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training
1	DEC, WED	● 9:15 – 11:15am	Women's Bible Study parish hall
		● 12 – 1pm	Advent Service
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Bible Quizzing church parish hall
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Advent Dinner
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball gym
		● 7 – 8pm	Advent Service
2	DEC, THU	● 8:30am – 3:30pm	School Music Classes church parish hall
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Choir parish hall
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball gym
3	DEC, FRI	● 6 – 7:30pm	Always Basketball
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
4	DEC, SAT	● 9 – 10:30am	Always Basketball gym
		● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

News & Notes

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 11.21.2021

8:30am - 60
11:00am - 62 = 122

Communion - 101

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

Received week of 11.21.2021- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$10,923 *total includes online giving
School - \$ 11,090.84

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 @ 9:15am – church parish hall.

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

Remember Our Shut-Ins



Christina Rohn
27475 Huron Circle Apt. 240
Novi, MI 48377

Altar Flowers this week are :

One vase in memory of our daughter Andrea Lynn Scott from her parents Ronald and Marilyn Breuhan.

One vase in honor of Norman Kleiner's December 1 (100th) birthday from Doug and Nancy Berg.

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



From the Family of Norman Kleiner (Diane Robinson): "There will be an open house birthday celebration for Norman at Sunrise of Northville (16100 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170) December 1st, 2021. They are only allowed 11 people at a time so please plan to come after 2:45pm as family coming earlier".

FOREVER YOUNG

You are invited to an outing on Saturday, December 11 to the REDFORD THEATER in 'Old Redford', Detroit, located at 17360 Lahser Rd., just North of Grand River.

The movie begins at 2:00 with a 20 minute organ concert before showtime. Doors open at 1:00

Come and see the old theater all decorated for Christmas and showing the Christmas classic, "It's A Wonderful Life" with Jimmy Stewart & Donna Reed. There is secure parking at the theater. \$5.00 pay at door, also popcorn available for purchase.

There will be carpooling leaving Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Livonia at 12:45, or just meet us at the theater if going on your own.

After the movie, we will be gathering at Mama Mia Restaurant in Livonia on Plymouth Rd. just west of Inkster Rd.

For registration, please contact:

Barb Karowich 734-480-1644

or Linda Waara 734-525-0191

UPDATE TO LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have decided to cancel the Ladies Christmas Dinner. We apologize for the late change and pray that we can resume this wonderful tradition next year!

WE HAVE FINISHED OUR 12TH YEAR OF SERVING MEALS AT THE FAMILY OF GOD MISSION. St Paul's has had many volunteers over the years that have prepared food, served meals and financially supported the ministry in southwest Detroit. We thank you for your dedication and faithful service!

The November 17th meal was a good example of how people stepped forward to be a part of the outreach. 16 people were engaged with this mission. Those that shopped were: Nancy Berg, Ernie and Marilyn Edick. Those that baked brownies were: Bernice Baggett, Kathy Hoener and Carol Kandah. (Ruth Fisher organizes the bakers.) Those that cooked were: Nancy Berg, Marilyn Edick, Barbara Hoffmeier, Linda Johnson, Sue Mai and Doris Oltersdorf. Those that served the meal were: Chris & Dawn Englert, Wayne Gray, Will Hoffmeier and Curtis Kalina. There were about 50 people who enjoyed the Shepherd's Pie, rolls, crunchy coleslaw, brownies, bananas and beverages. The attendance has come up in the last two months so we're preparing ten casseroles again so they can come back for seconds. Please join us for our December 15th meal. 2:00 to cook in the school kitchen or 4:30 to take the meal down. Contact Will or Barbara Hoffmeier to sign up #248.756.3035. **We are beginning our 13th year and trust God for His provisions and protection.**

25th Celebration THANK YOU!

What a wonderful day of celebration to be with our church families, past and present, and give thanks to God for our 25 years of His ministry through us. The many kind words, thoughtful gifts, amazing worship, children and adults singing, and the wonderful musicians are greatly appreciated and reflect the deep love each of you have for our Savior. We were truly overwhelmed by the whole day and thank each of you who helped to plan and setup, who attended, and who pray for us. **Thank you, thank you. We love our St. Paul family!**

Publicity Release
November 2021

Contact: Norma Sander
(248) 895-0018

DLS IN CONCERT

The Detroit Lutheran Singers announce their Christmas Concert Series entitled Come! Come and See the Child! Four identical concerts will feature a wide variety of Christmas music from familiar songs and carols to historic gems, including Bach's motet: Come, Jesus, Come with double chorus and Christmas Oratorio by Saint-Saens. As always, the audience is invited to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir as a finale. With safety in mind, the congregation will sing from their seats in the audience rather than join the choir in the front of the church. Ring in the season at one of these venues:

Saturday, Dec. 4 7:00 p.m.
Guardian Lutheran Church
24544 Cherry Hill St.
Dearborn

Sunday, Dec. 5th 3:00 p.m.
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
1345 Gratiot
Detroit

Friday, Dec. 10th 7:30 p.m.
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
714175 Farmington Road
Livonia

Saturday, Dec. 11th 7:00 p.m.
Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
16935 W 14 Mile Road
Beverly Hills

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students over 12. They may be purchased online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door.



HELP ! The Board of Social Ministry will be **decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, Nov. 29.** Since there are only six of us ladies we will definitely need some help doing so. If you can join us at **4:00 PM that day**, that would be wonderful. If you can't come until later please call 248-231-1315 when you can come, and we will tell you if you are still needed. We will also need the usual help getting the décor down from the attic after the **8:30 service on Sunday, Nov. 28**. Please stick around if you can, especially the strong and agile.

AND

GIFTS FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN: Be on the lookout for the "Giving Tree" that we will be putting up in the hall shortly. (It may be there already). It will have the names of the children on it and the items you might buy them for Christmas this year.

Mexico Mission Update

Thanks to God's grace, and with the prayers and support of the St. Paul community, the Mexico mission project was an enormous success! On Sunday the mission team returned safely, tired but grateful to God for having given them the opportunity to serve the wonderful people we met in Juarez and Anapra, Mexico. There were challenges along the way, but it was obvious that God had a plan, and the team could see His hand in everything we did. For instance, on Monday 11 team members had their flight cancelled, but the 4 who made it to El Paso were able to handle Tuesday's hygiene education and water filter distribution in Juarez successfully on their own. The rest of the team arrived on Tuesday. The construction team traveled to Anapra on Wednesday and began working extra hours each day constructing the house for the Huerta family. The hygiene and water filter team continued to work each day in different locations, teaching, distributing water filters, and sharing the gospel. All along the way we were guided and supported by our wonderful hosts Scott and Luz from the Ysleta Lutheran Mission. On Saturday the entire team agreed to give up their planned day of rest and touring in El Paso to finish constructing the Huerta family's house. Part of the hygiene and water filter team joined the construction team to paint the house, and the Huerta family helped in the work. The rest of the hygiene team helped with the food distribution program at the Ysleta Mission. On Sunday the St. Paul team participated in a Bible study and church service at the mission prior to our departure. We wish to thank the entire St. Paul community for what we were able to accomplish in Juarez and Anapra in Mexico. We couldn't have done it without your prayers and support. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



Stephen Ministry supports Pastor Chris and Pastor Jim by deepening, expanding, and extending the caring capacity of our church. A team of Stephen Ministers, along with our pastors, provides ongoing care for more people than our pastors could provide alone. This also frees our pastors to invest more time in other important ministry areas.

In the book of Acts, Luke shows that God works through His word and through poor and helpless people to bring people to faith in Christ. Please consider how the Lord calls every believer to bear witness to Jesus' death and resurrection and to salvation in His name. This month, Women in Christ is focusing on the mission grant entitled "Bringing Christ and Hope to Michigan's Urban Communities (Acts 2 Enterprise)." Acts 2 Enterprise works to make an impact in urban communities such as Detroit, Flint, Benton Harbor, and Pontiac to strengthen faith and address social needs in these communities. The amount of the grant is \$25,000. Please prayerfully support this effort as well as add to your MITE box this month. Thank you for your past support.

SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 21-23, 2022



WINTER RETREAT JR YOUTH
6TH GRADE TO 8TH GRADE
SPRINGHILL CAMP

IF INTERESTED TEXT JEANETTE @ 248-974-3323

All-Timers Bible Quizzing Tournament

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*



This is a special annual Bible Quizzing tournament where there is **no age limit!** This means coaches, parents, and everyone else can test their Bible Quizzing skills. This season, **the tournament will be Saturday, January 15, 2022 on Romans 8-16!** No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages and experience levels are welcome. The event is hosted by Cross Point Church in Clinton Twp.

For info or to register, visit stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2021

(H/C = Holy Communion)



11/28/2021 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/01/2021 – Advent noon Service - Wednesday

12/01/2021 - Advent Dinner (Evangelism sponsored) – 5:30pm – 6:45pm -
Wednesday

12/01/2021 - Advent Service – 7pm -- Wednesday

12/05/2021 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am (Sunday School Advent Program) Sunday (H/C)

12/08/2021 – Advent Noon Service – Wednesday

12/08/2021 – Advent Dinner (Family Life sponsored) – 5:30pm-6:45pm -
Wednesday

12/08/2021 - *Advent Service with the Day School -7pm –Wednesday *Gym

12/12/2021 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am – Sunday

12/15/2021 – Advent Noon Service – Wednesday

12/15/2021 – Advent Dinner (Elders sponsored) | – 5:30pm-6:45pm - Wednesday

12/15/2021 - Advent Service with the Sunday School -7pm –Wednesday

12/19/2021 - 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/24/2021 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Friday

12/24/2021 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Friday (H/C)

12/25/2021 - Christmas Day Service – 10am — Saturday (H/C)

12/26/2021 - Worship – 10am ONLY – Sunday

12/31/2021 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Friday (H/C)

1/3/2022– **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Monday

ALTAR FLOWERS - The following dates are available for altar flowers: December 12 - one vase. The price for a vase of flowers is \$15.00. If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar please call Ruth Natiw, 248-348-7875.

