

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

11:00 am

March 12, 2023



Grace to All Who Have Gone Astray

**AS WE GATHER**

God's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC****WELCOME — Pastor****RINGING OF THE BELL**

## The River

I know a place where we can go  
To lay the troubles down eating your soul  
I know a place where mercy flows  
Take the stains make you whiter than  
snow

### *Pre-Chorus*

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside  
A current that moves and makes ya come  
alive  
Living water that brings the dead to life

### Chorus

*We're goin' down to the river  
Down to the river  
Down to the river to pray  
Let's get washed by the water  
Washed by the water  
And rise up in amazing grace*

*Let's go down down down to the river  
You will leave changed  
Let's go down down down to the river  
Never the same*

## 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, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful and we continue in that sin by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God's punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily see that we are in need of repentance and renewal that come only through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

### Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life  
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise  
All of my dirt all of my shame  
Drowned in the streams that have made  
me born again

### *Pre-Chorus*

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside  
A current that moves and makes ya come  
alive  
Living water that brings the dead to life

### Chorus

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Let's go down down down to the river  
You will leave changed  
Let's go down down down to the river  
Never the same (2x)*

**People:** **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word and deed. You know our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus, grant us forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. By His grace, you are the sons and daughters of God, cleansed by the Lamb, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You show the light of Your truth to those in darkness. Give strength to all believers to reject what erodes their faith and follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the perfect offering for sin, who has brought us salvation and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 17:1–7 (God provides water from a rock.)

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.<sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"<sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."<sup>5</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.<sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.<sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** Romans 5:1–11

(Christ died for us while we were still sinners.)

Reader: <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**People:** <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reader: <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

**People:** <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Children's Message**

## The Same Power

### Verse 1

I can see the waters raging at my feet  
 I can feel the breath of those surrounding  
 me  
 I can hear the sound of nations rising up  
 We will not be overtaken  
 We will not be overcome

I can walk down this dark and painful road  
 I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown  
 I can hear all God's children singing out  
 We will not be overtaken  
 We will not be overcome

### Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the  
 grave  
 The same power that commands the dead  
 to wake  
 Lives in us lives in us  
 The same power that moves mountains  
 when He speaks  
 The same power that can calm a raging  
 sea  
 Lives in us lives in us  
 He lives in us lives in us

We have hope that His promises are true  
 In His strength there is nothing we can't do  
 Yes we know there are greater things in  
 store

We will not be overtaken  
 We will not be overcome

The same power that rose Jesus from the  
 grave  
 The same power that commands the dead  
 to wake  
 Lives in us lives in us  
 The same power that moves mountains  
 when He speaks  
 The same power that can calm a raging  
 sea  
 Lives in us lives in us  
 He lives in us lives in us

### Bridge

Greater is He that is living in me  
 He's conquered our enemy  
 No power of darkness  
 No weapon prevails  
 We stand here in victory

### Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the  
 grave  
 The same power that commands the dead  
 to wake  
 Lives in us lives in us  
 The same power that moves mountains  
 when He speaks  
 The same power that can calm a raging  
 sea  
 Lives in us lives in us  
 He lives in us lives in us

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel** John 4:5–26 (*Jesus meets with the Samaritan woman at the well.*)

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please Sit***Truth Be Told**

Lie number one  
 You're supposed to have it all together  
 And when they ask how you're doing  
 Just smile and tell them, Never better

Lie number two  
 Everybody's life is perfect except yours  
 So keep your messes and your wounds  
 Your secrets safe with you behind closed  
 doors  
 Truth be told  
 The truth is rarely told

I say I'm fine yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine  
 Hey I'm fine but I'm not  
 I'm broken  
 And when it's out of control  
 I say it's under control but it's not  
 And you know it

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it  
 When being honest is the only way to fix it  
 There's no failure no fall  
 There's no sin you don't already know  
 So let the truth be told  
 There's a sign on the door  
 Says come as you are but I doubt it  
 'Cause if we lived like that was true  
 Every Sunday morning pew would be  
 crowded  
 But didn't you say church should  
 Look more like a hospital

A safe place for the sick  
 The sinner and the scarred and the  
 prodigals - Just like me.

Truth be told  
 The truth is rarely told  
 Am I the only one who says

I say I'm fine yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine  
 Hey I'm fine but I'm not  
 I'm broken  
 And when it's out of control  
 I say it's under control but it's not  
 And you know it

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it  
 When being honest is the only way to fix it  
 There's no failure no fall  
 There's no sin you don't already know  
 So let the truth be told

Can I really stand here unashamed  
 Knowing that your love for me won't  
 change  
 Oh God if that's really true  
 Then let the truth be told

I say I'm fine yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine  
 Hey I'm fine but I'm not  
 I'm broken

And when it's out of control  
I say it's under control but it's not  
And you know it

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it  
When being honest is the only way to fix it

### Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*What kind of **change** does God want for you?*

*How is **suffering** a part of that important change?*

### Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

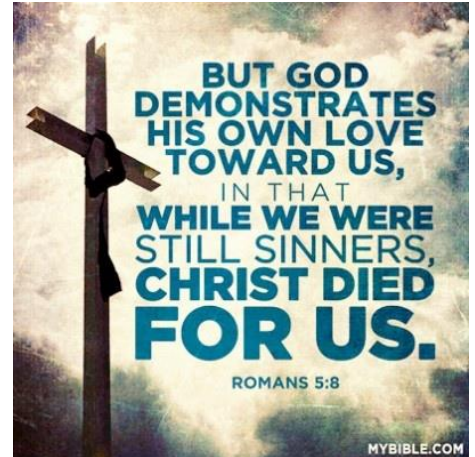
When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

There's no failure no fall  
There's no sin you don't already know  
So let the truth be told

There's no failure no fall  
There's no sin you don't already know  
So let the truth be told



Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

Verse 2

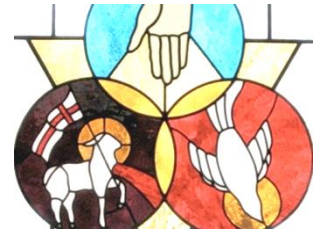
I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path (2X)  
And a light unto my path



## 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Gracious Father, we ask Your blessing on Your Church throughout the world. Fill the Church with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal its divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we may gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

People: We also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, the sorrowing, those undergoing hardship or challenges, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may soon be answered and that they may be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray that we may be moved to give offerings of the best we have, showing forth fruits in response to the great offering of our Lord Jesus for us on the cross. May what we give of our time, talent, and treasure for the work of the Lord bring blessing to many. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, since You have given us grace to make known our needs to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will hear their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires of Your servants, as may be best for them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

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

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the 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.

### **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: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE INVITATIONS

### There was Jesus

Every time I try to make it on my own  
Every time I try to stand, I start to fall  
And all those lonely roads that I have  
traveled on - There was Jesus

When the life I built came crashing to the  
ground  
When the friends I had were nowhere to  
be found  
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now  
There was Jesus

In the waiting, in the searching  
In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been or where I'm going  
Even when I didn't know it  
Or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus

For this man who needs amazing kind of  
grace  
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day  
There was Jesus

In the waiting, in the searching

In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been or where I'm going  
Even when I didn't know it  
Or couldn't see it - There was Jesus

On the mountains, In the valleys  
- There was Jesus  
In the shadows, Of the alleys  
- There was Jesus  
In the fire, in the flood  
- There was Jesus  
Always is and always was  
No, I never walk alone  
You're always there

In the waiting, in the searching  
In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been or where I'm going  
Even when I didn't know it  
Or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus. There was Jesus  
... **There was Jesus**

**WHERE WE SERVE**

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Will Hoffmeier
Ushers	Chuck Hempel Patrick Baker
Tech Team	Curtis Kalina
Welcome Center	Kathy Verseman
Counters	Jan Paver Marlene Shoebridge Janet Wisner
Greeters	Hoffmeier Family
Altar Society	Lisa Fairbairn Jan Paver Ruth Natiw
Acolyte	Chloe Stickel



*Attendance Last week : March. 5.2023 - 8:30am: 151 + 11:00am: 76 = 227*

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

*Received week of 3.5..23- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate\*)- \$5,518 total includes online giving  
School - \$2890.35*

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*Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –*

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

**SATURDAYS:** *Men's Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall*

**WEDNESDAYS:** *Women's Bible Study – (New Study began January 11-2023 ) – Parish Hall*

**THURSDAYS:** *(runs August 25,2022 – March, 23,2023) Bible Quizzing 3-5pm – Parish Hall*

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**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Ted Schultz  
Meadowbrook Commons  
25053 Meadow Brook Rd.  
Novi, MI 48375

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*Altar Flowers this week are*



*In honor of Anne's birthday from the Burgess family.*

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

12	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
13	MAR, MON	● 9 – 10:45am	School Spanish Class church parish hall
		● 1 – 3:25pm	School Spanish Class church parish hall
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Faculty Meeting church parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
14	MAR, TUE	● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting - Parish Hall parish hall
15	MAR, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study
		● 12 – 1pm	Lent Noon Worship - Immanuel Lutheran, Dearborn Heights
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice - Parish Hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
		● 5:45 – 6:45pm	Lenten Dinner
		● 7 – 8pm	Lent Worship
16	MAR, THU	● 9 – 11am	School Orchestra Class
		● 10 – 11am	Handbell Choir church narthex
		● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Bible Quizzing - Parish Hall
		● 3:30 – 5pm	Kids Cooking Class - School Kitchen
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbells narthex
17	MAR, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

18	MAR, SAT	● All day	SCHOOL AUCTION
		● 9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall



## LENT SCHEDULE 2023

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**SERVICE AT 7PM ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**

5:30PM LENT DINNER

2/22/2023 – ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

**NOON LENT SERVICES AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**

**CHURCH 27035 ANN ARBOR TRAIL DEARBORN HEIGHTS,  
MI 48127 (313) 278-5755.**

LUNCH AFTER SERVICES

2/22/2023 – ASH WEDNESDAY 12NOON

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 4/2/2023 8:30AM-9:30AM**

**PALM SUNDAY 4/2/2023 – 10AM SERVICE**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 4/6/2023 – 7PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 4/7/2023 – 1PM & 7PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/9/2023 – 8:30AM & 11:00AM SERVICES**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - The following dates are available for altar flowers: April 2 - two vases, April 30 - one vase. A vase of flowers cost \$15.00. If you would like to place an order please call Valeria Krause, 734-464-4188.

Have you checked your Mite Box lately? Could it be hungry for some quarters, dimes or nickels? For March, Women in Christ is asking for Mite donations to support the Clark Park Street Ministry. The goal for this grant is \$5,000, and it will go to Family of God Lutheran Church in Detroit to enable the purchase of a used trailer to assist Family of God with ministry to the homeless in Clark Park, Detroit.

**You are Invited - Please join us! - CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE — June 22–25, 2023.** Now is the time to make plans to attend the 40th Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023. “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” is the convention theme based on Psalm 33:12–13. Attendees will be inspired by the convention goal, “As His children, we celebrate the Lord of the nations.”

You can save \$20 with early registration through March 14th.

For more information go to <https://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other> for more information or contact Allison at [allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com](mailto:allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com). Or ask Sue Poole or Nancy Berg about this fun event!



## **OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome our new members who joined St. Paul during the month of January 2023.

The Treder family (Matt, Marcy, Sophia and Joseph) formally of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School of Ann Arbor were received into membership by transfer to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Northville.

Dave and Janet Urban, former members of St. Paul Northville transferred their membership back from St. Matthew Walled Lake.

Watch for their pictures on the new member bulletin board. We look forward to introducing them to you, getting to know them better and welcoming them into the St. Paul family.

**Mission Trip Update** The location for St. Paul's MOST Ministries eyeglass mission trip this fall has been changed. We will now be serving in Guatemala rather than Belize. MOST recently informed us that the mission church in Belize was no longer requesting an eyeglass mission, however there is a church in Guatemala which is greatly in need of one. Since our goal is to serve where we are most needed, our team from St. Paul will now be checking eyes and providing eyeglasses at a mission church in Guatemala. The dates remain the same, November 4-11.

This will be an excellent opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. We are looking not only for "goers" to join our mission team, but equally important we are looking for "senders" to help with fundraising, etc. Barbara Hoffmeier will be the Team Leader and Chris Burgess is the Team Liaison. Anyone interested in receiving information should contact Chris Burgess [chris.burgess917@gmail.com](mailto:chris.burgess917@gmail.com) (734) 765-4782.

An **usher** or two is **needed** for the 11:00 am Sunday service (3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month) to work with me, Craig Miller. Please call me and I'll teach you everything about being an usher. Ushers pass out the bulletins, help seat the congregation, ring the bells, count attendance, and help with communion. Ushering is once a month plus Easter & Christmas services. 248-380-5153

**The PROTECT YOUNG EYES** event last Sunday, February 26th was a great success. We had over 40 people attend to learn about how to best help the children in their lives navigate the internet and the digital world. Half of the attendees were not affiliated with St. Paul Church and School! They found their way to us via members' word of mouth or our marketing to surrounding schools. Our favorite example is this one: a family attended because they had arrived to take their children to the playset and Claudia Williamson invited them on the spot. The parents attended the presentation, their girls enjoyed doing the crafts in the childcare room, and the family visited with St. Paul members well into the meal portion of the event. An event like this takes many hands and we want to say a big THANK YOU to:

The St. Paul Endowment Fund for the grant to cover the speaking fees, Pastor Chris and Jeanette Koch for attending, representing St. Paul, helping with the tech, and leading us in prayers, Margo for making copies, finding office supplies, and helping coordinate kitchen needs, Emma Asher, Kaitlyn Howard,



Elizabeth Biyashev, Anne Raikes, and Jenna Raikes for watching, playing, and doing crafts with all the kids while the parents were in the presentation, Julia Smith and Claudia Williamson for helping set up the parish hall and providing additional childcare support, Kristy Howard and Kristen Goodman for helping check in the families and answering "front desk" questions, and David Smith, Mike Williamson, and Bryan Goodman for prepping the food, serving it, and cleaning up the kitchen afterward. We have received many positive comments about the speaker, the material shared, and the event as a whole. The Protect Young Eyes speaker commented on the fabulous hospitality he received while at St. Paul. We thank everyone involved in making this event happen!

The seventh annual comedy night fundraiser in support of Another Way Pregnancy Center is on April 14! Make it a date night, bring your small group, or have the whole family join and enjoy the clean comedy with Shawn Reynolds and Marty Simpson at Ward Church in Northville! AWPC is a nonprofit Christian-based pregnancy center committed to helping families with unexpected pregnancies through access to free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, material assistance, and more! Go to [awpcfriends.org/events](http://awpcfriends.org/events) or call **248-939-5900** for tickets! Tickets are \$15 each. Any questions, contact Pat McGuigan: 734-718-8597 or Bob McGuigan: 734-751-3018.



## 2023 St. Paul Easter Fair

**WHEN:** April 1 12 Noon – 2 pm

**WHERE:** St. Paul Campus (School Gym and Outside)

**ACTIVITIES:** Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting & Balloons, Lunch, Games, Crafts, Video, Door Prize drawing, Guess the Jellybean Contest, Prizes and More.

**Come and join in the fun**  
**Everything is complementary**  
**We look forward to seeing you**

