

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 am

March 26, 2023



From Death to Life!

AS WE GATHER

Accounts of life coming out of death are found throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, there is the story of the Valley of Dry Bones, which is celebrated in a familiar spiritual song that ends with this refrain: "Now hear the word of the Lord!" Our Lord Jesus Christ has words for us to hear—important, eternal words. In today's Gospel we hear Him say: "I am the resurrection and the life!" Life came out of death for Lazarus and, by God's gracious action, it does for us as well.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME — Pastor Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL

You Are Good

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are

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For You are good

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Adonis Andrew Acerra

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 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.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 116:4; 130:3-4*

Pastor: I called on the name of the LORD:

People: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness,

People: that You may be feared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Glorious and gracious God,

People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off." We are sinners, sinful from birth. We have so often disobeyed Your commands. In our hearts, we have lusted and raged; with our lips we have cursed and judged unfairly; our actions have not consisted of walking in Your ways. Forgive us our sins, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The Lord said: "Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people." *Ezekiel 37:12*

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

People: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

*Women: I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Men: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

Women: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Men: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

People: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

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.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, You are a gift and a blessing. You call us from death and despair to faith and faithfulness and assure of resurrection and life in Christ, who has brought about our atonement. Enlighten our hearts that we may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your presence in and among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1–14* (Life is restored in the valley of the dry bones.)

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Come Alive (Dry Bones) Song by Lauren Daigle

Through the eyes of men, it seems there's
so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the
prodigals have walked
One by one, the enemy has whispered lies
And led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God, Yours is the
victory
We know there is more to come
That we may not yet see

So with the faith You've given us
We'll step into the valley unafraid, yeah

As we call out to dry bones, come alive,
come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive,
come alive

Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, come alive

God of endless mercy, god of unrelenting
love
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the
wayward son
And by Your spirit, breathe upon them,
show the world that You alone can save
You alone can save

As we call out to dry bones, come alive,
come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive,
come alive
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, come alive

So breathe, oh, breath of God
Now breathe, oh, breath of God
Breathe, oh, breath of God, now breathe

Breathe, oh, breath of God
Now breathe, oh, breath of God
Breathe, oh, breath of God, now breathe

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come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive,
come alive
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, come alive

We call out to dry bones, come alive
Oh, come alive

EPISTLE *Romans 8:1–11*

(Life in the Spirit through Christ)

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

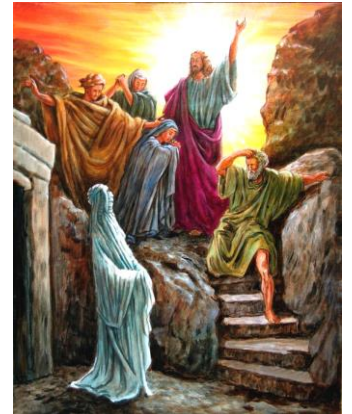
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:17–27, 38–53* (Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

Reader: ¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

People: ²¹ **Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."**



Reader: ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

People: ²⁴ **Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."**

Reader: ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

People: ²⁷ **She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."**

Reader: ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

People: Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."

Reader: ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Rise Up

In the dark and all alone
Growing comfortable
Are you too scared to move
And walk out of this tomb

Buried underneath the lies that you
believed
Safe and sound stuck in the ground
Too lost to be found

You're just asleep / And it's time to leave

Come on and rise up
Take a breath you're alive now

Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus
You're brand new
The power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out of the grave like Lazarus

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

When he said your name
The thing that filled your veins
Was more than blood
It's the kind of love that washes sin away

Now the door is open wide
 And the stone's been rolled aside
 The old is gone the light has come so

Come on and rise up
 Take a breath you're alive now
 Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
 Out from the grave like Lazarus
 You're brand new
 The power of death couldn't hold you
 Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
 Out of the grave like Lazarus

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
 Out from the grave like Lazarus

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
 Out from the grave like Lazarus

Bridge

He's calling us to walk out of the dark
 He's giving us new resurrected hearts
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 He's giving us new resurrected hearts

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 Take a breath you're alive now
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Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
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SERMON – Pastor Jim Frusti

In Christ Alone

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

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

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

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

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Grant grace, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray for Your kingdom on earth. Around the globe may there be an increase of the Word of life. May the Spirit's power be made evident in the Church, as it reaches out to all parts of the world, bringing the good news of sins forgiven through Christ to every place. Gracious God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant health, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray at this time for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they may be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Healing God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant care, we pray, in mercy, Lord. Lead us by the working of the Holy Spirit to do that which God intends for us to do, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities, and being agents of care and concern in our circles of relationship. Caring God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant blessing, we pray, in mercy, Lord. As we remember with gratitude those sisters and brothers in Christ whose journeys on earth have been completed, may we be guided by the Spirit in ways that honor their earthly lives and bring blessings to others as we anticipate the eternal joys to be shared with them in the courts of heaven. Ever-living God, in mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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.

Benediction

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Alive

I was dead in my transgressions
 Wandering in sin
 I went searching for redemption
 Down a road that had no end

I was walking through the fire
 I was living on the run
 With my flesh lost in desire
 I was drowning in the flood

Chorus

But God rich in mercy
 You came to save me
 Now I'm alive
 But God strong and mighty
 You reached down for me
 So I could rise
 Now I'm alive

Verse 2

I am far from being perfect
 There are days that I regret
 On this battlefield I struggle
 With the lies that I have lived
 I have fallen short of glory
 I can't make it on my own

If You kept record of my past
 I'd be sinking like a stone

Chorus

But God rich in mercy
 You came to save me
 Now I'm alive
 But God strong and mighty
 You reached down for me
 So I could rise

Bridge

Now I'm breathing in breathing out
 I was in the grave but God you called
 me out
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 me out

But God rich in mercy
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 Now I'm alive

Now I'm alive

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WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher	Pastor Jim Frusti
Officiant	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Will Hoffmeier
Ushers	Christian Krauter Lenny Elliott
Tech Team	James Nordbeck
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Counters	Jan Greulich Frank Newman George
Foor	
Greeters	Kovalak Family

News & Notes

Attendance Last week : March. 19.2023 - 8:30am: 101 + 11:00am: 90 = 191 Communion: 140

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

Received week of 3.19.23- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$16,925 total includes online giving
School - \$12,923.86*

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 1st and 3rd 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*

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Mary Lewis
3200 South Healy Road
Glennie, MI 48737 248-635-1741



Altar Flowers this week are

In honor of our 17th wedding anniversary from Doug and Nancy Berg.

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

26	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 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
27	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 Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
28	MAR, TUE	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	LWML Zone Meeting - Parish Hall/church parish hall and sanctuary
29	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
		● 5:45 – 6:45pm	Lenten Dinner
		● 7 – 8pm	Lent Worship
30	MAR, THU	● 9 – 11am	School Orchestra Class
		● 10 – 11am	Handbell Choir church narthex
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbells narthex
31	MAR, FRI	● 3:30 – 5pm	Kids Cooking Class- School Kitchen
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
1	APR, SAT	● 9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall
		● 12 – 1pm	EASTER FAIR - GYM

Wednesday March 29, 2023 Lenten Service The Lutheran Choralaires, the Detroit area Lutheran men's chorus, will be joining us for our 7:00 PM worship service on March 29th.

Guatemala Mission Trip Update Planning continues for our MOST Ministries eyeglass mission to Guatemala November 4-11. This will be a great opportunity to serve, and to share God's love with our brothers and sisters at our mission church in Guatemala. We need at least 10 people to make up the team, so anyone who has been thinking and praying about joining us and would like more information, please contact either the Trip Leader Barbara Hoffmeier or Team Liaison Chris Burgess chris.burgess917@gmail.com.

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FOREVER YOUNG

A WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY PLANETARIUM SHOW!!

(20 person minimum is needed for this trip!)

4841 Cass Ave. (corner of W. Warren & Cass Ave.)

Thursday, April 20, 2023

11:00 AM

PIZZA LUNCH AT SHIELD'S PIZZERIA

(corner of Warren & Woodward Avenue)

12:30 PM

We will meet at Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Livonia at 10:00 AM to car pool to Wayne State University Welcome Center guest parking structure, located 1 block from the planetarium. (We will have maps available.)

Parking is \$12.00 maximum per car for the day, or \$2.00 every 20 minutes, whichever is less. Each car (driver & passengers) will be responsible for their parking cost.

From the planetarium, it is a 2 block walk to Shield's Pizzeria.

(Pray for good weather that day!) COST \$25.

(for the planetarium show and lunch, taxes and tip will be extra)

Please register by Sunday, April 16

Sign up sheet at welcome center or call church office @ 734-522-6830

or

Barb Karowich (734-480-1644)

Linda Waara (734-245-5733)

Julia Smith and I met at Pat McGuigan's and Marcy and Matt met us at Family of God Mission. Pat's house was welcoming with the scent of sloppy joe mix cooking. Pat cooked over 18 pound's of hamburger, we learned she does it in the oven with her handy dandy Pampered Chef tool, that was a fun conversation. Pat offered to help Barbara Hoffmeier's 3rd Wednesday team four times a year, so every third month Pat has her team that assists her in purchasing beverages and fruit, she supplies and shops for sloppy joe stuff, chips and beans. We all load in Julia's nicely cleaned vehicle (by her husband Dave), and trod off to Detroit where a very large group of needy, homeless and hungry await. We served over 100 meals, which includes take-outs and seconds and maybe a couple 3rds. It was Marcy and Matt's second time but you would think they have always been there helping, very nice couple full of smiles and cheer. I don't think I have told you about the 5 gallon bucket where they clean off their plates before tossing them in the garbage (its the pigs dinner at the farm). I took a look at what was in there and there were no sloppy joes, so happy to report that to Pat! They love her sloppy joes and eat them right up. Just an observation shared by Margo, on this particular Wednesday night, our church (Jeanette Koch) was serving a Mediterranean dinner for Lent, Margo was down at Rosa Parks Transit Center serving an outdoor meal to those in need and we were at FoG. That night we served over 200 people, in three different areas, praise Him for all He does with the hearts, hands and feet of St. Paul, Northville.



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,
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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

Family of God News : I can share, after a long day of work and the drive to the church, it is so wonderful as we head to Detroit to feed the hungry, needy and homeless that Julia prays for our evening and drives us. Giving praise today for all of God's servants. That includes all of you that make it such a joy to serve a fresh homemade meal to those in need. Thank you to our faithful Chicken Tetrastini Casserole makers Gretchen Hasse, Mary Lou Jaussi, Janet & Bill Kovalak (and their search for mushrooms), Julia Smith, Pat McGuigan, Kathy Verseman, Beth Hempel and Jeanette Koch. Carole Crete for the yummy rolls and the single pats of butter. Our new members Tim & Susan H. helped Sue with the salad and it was beautiful and all eaten. Cheryl Bailey and Shannon Stewart supplied bananas and cuties some asked for more than 1 and we were able to give them two. Kim Ruth and Janean Potter supplied our desserts along with some left overs we had from previous events. Matthew George was in charge of desserts and fruit and he did a great job, you can see he and his sister really enjoy it. One of our guests even gave Matthew a new hot wheels car, yes, he is a bit old for them but he graciously accepted the car. Anne Burgess and Chris Henning supplied the beverages, Rachel George kept the drinks and plasticware ready for our guests. Shirley George, Matthew, Rachel, Julia, Pat and myself, went down and served. Our focus is on thanks for the mission and the people they are able to serve with our help. God bless and we look forward to doing it all again on April 4, 2023.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Additional Date - The following dates are available for altar flowers: April 2 - two vases, April 30 - one vase, June 18 - 1 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. Or ask Sue Poole or Nancy Berg about this fun event!



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 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.



Newcomer Class is beginning soon! Are you **NEW** to St. Paul Lutheran? Join us Monday evenings **April 10th, April 17th and April 24th at 6:30pm** in school room #5. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and always. 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!** If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church, **THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU! Childcare provided – please call church office if needed. 248-349-3140**



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



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

SPONSORED BY ST PAUL YOUTH

SUNDAY APRIL 2 @ 8:30

PARISH HALL



We share in the joy of **HOLY BAPTISM OF Adonis Andrew Acerra** in the 11:00 AM worship service today. Adonis is the infant son of Isabel and Travis Acerra and was born in Poughkeepsie, New York. Adonis's sponsors are Stephen Acerra, Emma Reif and Erich Reif. As God writes Adonis's name in the book of life let us all pray that this new relationship that has begun today will be lived, explored and discovered throughout Adonis's life.