

LIFE SUNDAY

11:00 am

January 28, 2024



Just as ... I AM

AS WE GATHER

Today's biblical narratives underscore God's unwavering love, mercy and commitment to redeeming all people regardless of their sins or backgrounds. Although the great city of Nineveh has become wicked, God shows His mercy by giving the people of Nineveh an opportunity to turn from their evil ways. God further demonstrates his commitment to reaching out to all people, by sending the Apostle Paul to Corinth, a city known for its pervasive paganism and moral decay. Jesus' ministry focuses on reaching out to all sinners, the lost and the marginalized, exemplifying God's deep concern for the eternal well-being of every individual. And the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus fulfill God's ultimate plan for the redemption and reconciliation, emphasizing His willingness to sacrifice His only Son for the sake of humanity's salvation. Thus, the stories of Jonah, Paul and Jesus collectively highlight the inherent value that God places on every human life and His relentless pursuit of reconciliation and salvation for all.

Pre-Service Music

Please use this time for quiet reflection.

Reverie - Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Ann Lemke / Oboe Christa Grix / Harp

WELCOME – Pastor Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL

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)

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

I don't care if they remember me

Only Jesus

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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

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Jonah 3:2, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17*

Pastor: Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation.

Pastor: Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

People: As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: Paul reminds the people of God, "The appointed time has grown very short. . . . The present form of this world is passing away."

People: As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: In today's Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

People: As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it." Jesus proclaimed to the people, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as Your people as You came to Jonah with another opportunity of sharing Your message.

People: Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the city of Nineveh through their repentance and You continue to show mercy to us.

Pastor: Continue to grant us the gift of a bold and confident faith in You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace (2X)

Verse 4
The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10* (Jonah goes to Nineveh.)
3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So

Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)* (Faithful living with time given)

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20*

(Jesus calls the first disciples.)

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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.



570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

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| <p>1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to
Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | <p>To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |
| <p>2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,</p> | <p>3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |

- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti – *Just as ... I AM*

Pavane (by Bernard Andres / 1941)

Christa Grix / Harp

LIVING HOPE (Song by Phil Wickham)

Praise Team

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless
grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own

Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, you are my living hope

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Our Father, who art in heaven, honor and glory, thanks and praise belong to You, for You have made human life in Your image. You adopt and adore us each just as we are for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Grant us this grace also to receive every neighbor as a gift and privilege notwithstanding appearance or ability. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hallowed be Thy name. Gladden and embolden us to proclaim Your goodness and put it into practice, speaking truth that advocates against violence and death and showing love that assists survival and welfare as agents of Your promised joy and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Thy kingdom come. Graciously restrain the deception and selfishness that pressure many into viewing death as a solution to suffering. Bring an end to abortion, assisted suicide, embryocide, and all discrimination against the worth of any person. And enlighten our citizens and inspire our officials to enact policies and practices that protect and defend the vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Bless the medical arts and their practitioners as ambassadors of Your healing always to care and never to kill. Keep their minds and hands free from every unholy cultural pressure. As it pleases You, move everyone involved in intentionally ending human life to abandon and oppose these evils. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give us this day our daily bread. Surround each human being with a healthy home and settle them in happy families according to Your good and gracious will. Accept our gratitude for the birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate. Direct all hearts to wait upon Your abundance, assured that You will meet every bodily need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Warm and soften the spirits of those who slander, persecute, and oppress, that they may experience Your loving-kindness alongside us. Absolve and relieve anyone broken by the abortion of his or her own child. By Your mercy for our mistakes, bid us behold the sanctity of our own lives until we love one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation. Bring forth in us the life and Spirit of our Shepherd and Savior Jesus to put away the desires and priorities of the flesh. Intervene and undertake on behalf of those beset by the afflictions of our fallen race and the burdens of this broken world (especially [*name(s)*]). And drive the devil far from everyone considering abortion or contemplating physician-assisted suicide. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us from evil. Give answer to the ones who cry out awaiting adoption, facing surprise pregnancy, experiencing infertility, or enduring terminal diagnosis. Form in us a patient faith that leans upon Your presence and power at the hour of our dying. With Your Son, the angels, and all the saints, welcome us into the everlasting communion of Your heavenly kingdom, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

In Christ Alone

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us, forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned
 Against us; forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 Let your kingdom come.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord—
 the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless You now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

It's yours, it's yours,
 All yours, all yours.
 The kingdom, the power,
 The glory are yours.

It's yours, it's yours,
 All yours, all yours.
 Forever and ever
 The kingdom is yours

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

On The Banks Of The Promised Land

Verse 1

I have built my life on the Solid Rock
Far away from the sinking sand
But I cast my eye to the home that
waits
On the banks of the Promised Land

Verse 2

There's a song of praise that is lifted
there
By the saints and the angel band
Oh I long to go and to join that choir
On the banks of the Promised Land

Chorus

Hallelujah what a morning
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand
And I'm led from grace to glory
On the banks of the Promised Land

Verse 3

Ev'ry grief and pain that has bound me
here
Jesus knows and He understands
They'll be washed away as I cross that
stream
To the banks of the Promised Land

Chorus

Hallelujah what a morning
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand
And I'm led from grace to glory
On the banks of the Promised Land

Verse 4

Then I'll see the face of my Savior dear
Beckoned close by His sweet
command
All my burdens gone I will rest at last
On the banks of the Promised Land

Chorus

(Oh) Hallelujah what a morning
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand
And I'm led from grace to glory
On the banks of the Promised Land
(2X)

On the banks of the Promised Land
On the banks of the Promised Land
I'm goin' to the Promised Land
I'm bound for the Promised Land
I'm goin' to the Promised Land



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities
to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher	Pastor Jim Frusti
Officiant	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	George Foor
Guest Musicians	Christa Grix – Harp Ann Lemke – Oboe
Praise Team (singers)	Sarah Hughes Hannah Hughes Linda Johnson Jeff Shapiro Kurt Menhart Chris Englert
Message Assistants	Dave Austin Mark Ernst
Greeters	Ruth Family
Counters	David Tischler Jan Paver
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Ushers	Christian Krauter Jeanette Koch
Reader	Mark Potter
Acolyte	Matthew George
Tech Team	James Nordbeck
Praise Team	Kurt Menhart Sarah Hughes Chris Englert Jeff Shapiro Linda Johnson

News & Notes

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities***SUNDAYS:*** Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.***WEDNESDAYS:*** Women's Bible Study @9:30am – Parish Hall***SATURDAYS:*** Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: January 21, 2024 – Attendance - 8:30am - 100 + 11:00am – 68 = 168
 Communion - 132

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

Received week of 1.21.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$5,390 - total includes online giving
 School - \$3,448.50

A gift in memory of Mary Lewis has been given to the General Fund Memorials from Carole Crete, Melissa Raikes and Family and Tom and Sue Poole.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ed Fleming
 The Retreat of Northville
 47260 7 Mile Road
 Northville, MI 48167

Altar Flowers



*In honor of Lora Schmidt's 96th Birthday 1.27.24
 From Her Daughters.*

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

28	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 9:45 – 10:30am	7th/8th grade Confirmation room #3
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
29	JAN, MON	● 7 – 8:30pm	Grand River Grizzlies Basketball Practice
30	JAN, TUE	● 3:30 – 4:45pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Varsity
31	JAN, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
		● 6 – 9pm	Waza Basketball Practice Rental gym
1	FEB, THU	● 3:30 – 4:45pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Little League
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Grand River Grizzlies Basketball Practice
2	FEB, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
3	FEB, SAT	● 9 – 11am	Soccer Shots Ann Arbor- Gym

The FAMILY OF GOD MISSION MEALS began another year with a cold and frosty night. There were about 45 people that came for a meal on January 17th. We served eight casseroles of ham with au gratin potatoes, green beans, crunchy coleslaw, brownies, bananas, and beverages. Those that went down were Chris and Dawn Englert, Will and Barbara Hoffmeier. The cooks were Barbara and Will, Nancy Berg, Marilyn Edick, Chris Henning, Linda Johnson, and Kathy Verseman. Chris Henning did our shopping and coordinated the brownie bakers, who were herself, Anne Burgess, Carole Crete, and Debbie Pichan. ***Thank you to those faithful volunteers who make this outreach possible!***

Several of us attended a PARTNERS MEETING WITH THE FoG STAFF on Saturday, January 20th, 2024. There hasn't been an informational meeting since pre-covid and it was good to hear their updates with the ministry that has been going on since 1996. Pastor Jim Hill came on-board in 2002. **(St Paul Northville became a Partner Congregation in 2009.)** Then came Pastor Tyler Cronkright, Pastor Tim LeClair, and now Pastor Nick Gapski. They moved into the current building on Whittaker in 2016. The staff also serves St Stephen Lutheran Church a couple miles away, and an outreach at Clark Park, called the Refuge Church. They have had twenty-three baptisms this year plus ten more at the Clark Park Mission. There are several Deacons that serve with the mission and Alex used a quote, "If you can't find Christ in the beggar, you won't see Him in the chalice." It was a very insightful meeting and they always want people to "COME AND SEE."

There are about fourteen active churches that support the mission with regular meals. Another thirteen churches participate occasionally. They are looking for more support and have many opportunities for participation. If you would like to help please talk to Pat McGuigan, Sue Poole, or Barbara Hoffmeier. Their current needs are * monthly contributions from congregations and individuals to maintain current levels of ministry and moving forward; * paper products (foam carryout trays, pre-packaged plasticware, plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, 8 oz. styrofoam cups. * cleaning supplies (bleach, floor cleaner, surface cleaner, hand soap; * hand / foot warmers, blankets, winter socks, long thermal underwear (tops and bottoms.) You can put any donations in the bins under the coat rack near the church kitchen. We will bring those donations to the Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon on March 19th. Thanks so much!

Guatemala Mission Trip Update St. Paul's Guatemala eyeglass mission trip which was postponed in November is now scheduled to take place April 6 - 13. Unfortunately, several of the people from St. Paul and other congregations who were originally scheduled to take part are unable to go in April. For the mission to go forward, we are looking for additional short-term missionaries. No prior experience or skills are needed, training will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. Please prayerfully consider if God might be leading you to join us on this mission. For additional information please contact Chris Burgess 734-765-4782 chris.burgess917@gmail.com or Pat McGuigan 734-718-8597 pking1252@gmail.com.

Be a missionary with your **MITE Box** by giving and praying for LWML's approved mission grants for the next year. For the month of January, Women in Christ is highlighting a \$10,000 grant for "Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Food and Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food." This grant will aid students in purchasing perishable items of food and clothing from the Concordia Co-op for the 2022-2024 biennium. January is one of four times this year that Women in Christ will be collecting MITE boxes. Please drop your MITE box into the large MITE box in the narthex and take a new one to fill up for our next collection.



\$\$\$\$ Endowment Fund News \$\$\$\$

St. Paul's Endowment Fund was blessed with another great year of donations not to mention some good growth from the stock market. Our 2023 year end balance is **\$89,129.90** which generates **\$4450** in grant dollars available for 2024. We are headed into our third year of grants and here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has done thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- \$450 Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction

Stay tuned as the Endowment Committee is planning on hosting a "**Shred It**" day towards the end of January. Since tax season is almost upon us, start cleaning out those files and load up your bags and boxes of documents you would like shredded. Come enjoy some fellowship and make a free will donation to the Endowment Fund.

We all experience challenges in life—times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves. That is why we have a Stephen Ministry program here at St. Paul. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to support and extend the care that our pastors continue to provide. Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to people who are hurting—both congregational members and nonmembers alike. Our **Stephen Ministers** are available to pray with you at the end of each service. Look for them at the front of the church.



Padawan Bible Quizzing Tournament

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*

This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted at **St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**, which means coaches, parents, and everyone else can test their Bible Quizzing skills. This season, **the tournament will be Saturday, February 17, 2023 @ 12PM-3PM on Ephesians 5-6!** No prior knowledge of the material is

required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each. Lunch will be provided. For info or to register, visit stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com>, (248) 231-9684.



LENT SCHEDULE 2024

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

7PM LENT SERVICES - ST. PAUL LUTHERAN-

5:30PM LENT DINNER

2/14/2024 – ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM

2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

12 NOON LENT SERVICES - CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH –

14175 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA, MI 48154 (734) 522-6830

LUNCH AFTER SERVICES

2/14/2024 – ASH WEDNESDAY 12NOON

2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 3/24/2024 8:30AM-9:30AM

PALM SUNDAY 3/24/2024 – 10AM SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 3/28/2024 – 7PM SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY – 3/29/2024 – 1PM & 7PM SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 3/31/2024 – 8:30AM & 11:00AM SERVICES
