THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30am April 14, 2024



Easter People Rejoice

As We Gather

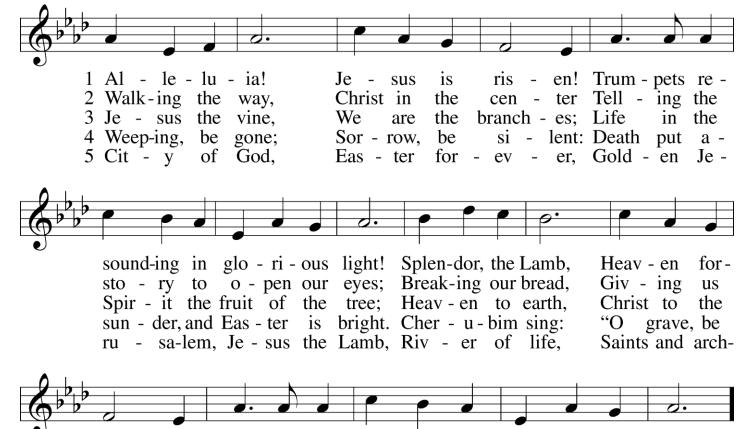
Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples "disbelieved for joy" (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!" (66:1–2). The prophet Isaiah assures God's people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: "For the LORD comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

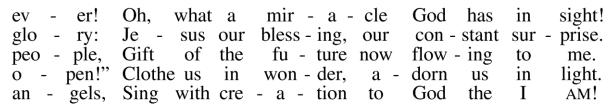
PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME – Pastor Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL











INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Ps 118:24; Rom 6:9; adapt. from Mt 28:7; Heb 2:7; Ps 8*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him.

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,

judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and

have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive

us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your

kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to

Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins

in the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

People: Amen.

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures

forevermore.

People: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let

my foes rejoice over me.

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

People: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me

to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy

name.

People: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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.

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures

forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up

the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–7 (We are God's children now.)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Jeanette Koch



VERSE Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die

again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on

the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36–49 (The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

Reader: As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among

them, and said to them,

People: "Peace to you!"

Reader: But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And

He said to them,

People: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See

My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see. For a

spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

Reader: And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And

while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them,

People: "Have you anything here to eat?"

Reader: They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before

them. Then He said to them,

People: "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,

that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the

Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Reader: Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to

them,

People: "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day

rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until

you are clothed with power from on high."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 4 of the world to come. Amen.

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



Sermon Pastor Jim Frusti – *HiStory – Disbelieving for Joy!*

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.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully

be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be

celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a

source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all

forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in

every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory

that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of

Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who

deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in

challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:

We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [especially . . .], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful

Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on

earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice

together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

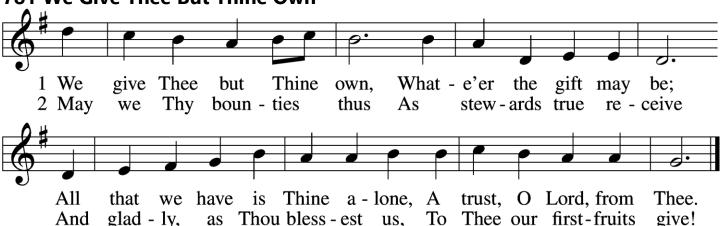
People: hear our prayer. Amen.

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 <u>our guests</u> 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.

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



♥ SACRAMENT ♥

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for, like as a Father, You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise,

together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

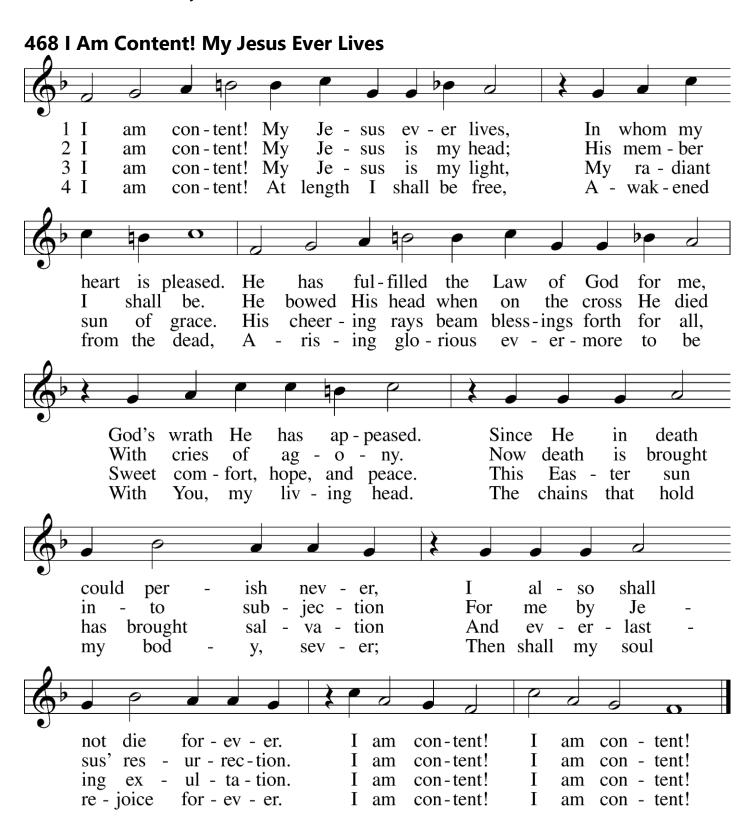


Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.







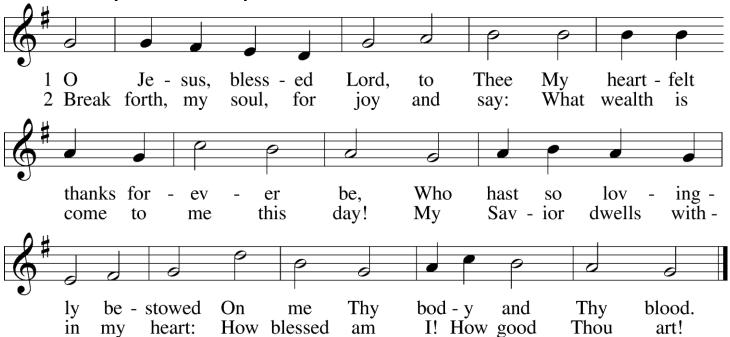
744 Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

- His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord, which You

have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You

and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

480 He's Risen, He's Risen





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.

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



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher
Officiant
Family Life Director
Music Director/Organist
Elder
Reader

Welcome Center Counters

Ushers

Acolyte

Greeters

Tech Team

Coffee Hour

Atar Society

Pastor Jim Frusti Pastor Christopher Fairbairn Jeanette Koch Paul Ventimiglia

Taui ventimigila John Hasse Mark Ernst

Gretchen Hasse Jane Ripper Allen Ripper Christine Lewis

> Jerry Krause Ron Breuhan

Marty Jenter Mike Huskey Elyse Huskey

Aaron Robinson

Helmick Family

Jake Fairbairn

Evangelism

Jan Paver Lisa Fairbairn

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: $4.7.\ 2024 - Attendance - 8:30am - 96 + 11:00am - 55 = 151$

Communion – 216

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

Received week of 4.7.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$6,986- total includes online giving School - \$1,331.50

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Dorothy Schneider 41215 Fox Run Drive WT 320 Novi, MI 48377

Altar Flowers



One vase in memory of my husband John and one vase in honor of my granddaughter Amanda's birthday and the one year anniversary of her children's baptisms from Carole Crete.

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

14 APR, SUN	 8:30 - 9:30am 9:45 - 10:45am 9:45 - 10:30am 11am - 12pm 12 - 2pm 7 - 9pm 	Worship w/Communion Sunday School & Youth Bible Study 7th/8th grade Confirmation room #3 Worship Baptism Party Rental/Patterson Adult pick up basketball school gym
15 APR, MON	● 7 – 8:30pm	Grand River Grizzlies Basketball Practice
16 APR, TUE	7 – 8pm7 – 8pm	Allen Terrace Bingo at Allen Terrace Stephen Ministry Meeting- Parish Hall
17 APR, WED	 5 – 9pm 5:30 – 7pm 6:30 – 7:30pm 	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St Board of Evangelism - Church Office Newcomers Group - Parish Hall
18 APR, THU	• 7 – 8:30pm	Grand River Grizzlies Basketball Practice
19 APR, FRI	All day7 – 9pm	Set Up Smash Brothers Tournament- Gym AA Mtg. church parish hall
20 APR, SAT	9am – 8pm9 – 10:30am	Smash Brother Tournament - GYM Men's Bible Study parish hall

Lutheran Choralaires Spring Concert in support of Concordia University Ann Arbor The Lutheran Choralaires, a men's chorus under the direction of noted Detroit area composer and arranger Terry Herald, will present their annual Spring Concert entitled "What Wondrous Love is This" on Saturday May 18th, 4:00PM at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154). Tickets are not necessary, however there will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will go to support the Concordia University Ann Arbor Music Department and Students In Need funds. For further information email info@lutheranchoralaires.org,or visit www.lutheranchoralaires.org.



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Our first new members of 2024 are Les and Sharon Pederson. They moved to Northville about 2 years ago and have been attending St. Paul for quite some time now. They decided to make St. Paul their new church home and requested a transfer from Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford.

Look for their pictures on the new member bulletin board. We look forward to getting to know them better and welcoming them to our St. Paul family.



St Paul is hosting Bingo night at Allen Terrace on Tuesday, April 16. It will be in the Activity Room <u>at Allen Terrace</u> beginning at 7 pm. We always appreciate donations of cookies for refreshments. It's great to have a variety. These can be dropped off in school office or brought the night of Bingo. If you can bring cookies, please let Sue Poole (248)904-9080 or Pat McGuigan

(734)718-8597 know. You are also invited to join us to help serve refreshments, call Bingo, help with the prize table or just socialize.

During the month of April, Women in Christ will be highlighting LWML grant 7 for Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker. This grant is \$20,000, and it will enable Michigan women in the Concordia University System to use their gifts in service for the LCMS in professional church work. Please help LWML reach their mission grant goals by filling a MITE box and returning it to the church.



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

The grant application window for 2024 is now open from April 15th to May 31st! 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

Grant applications are available in the school office, or the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you to everyone that attended our shred event in March. We were able to collect \$250 in free will donations.

SÚPER SMASH

BROTHERS TOURNAMENT

GRADES UTH AND OLDER

APRIL 20TH @ 5:00PM

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTHVILLE

DINNER PROVIDED

COST: \$5.00

RSVP BY APRIL 17TH

FAMILYLIFE@STPAULNORTHVILLE.ORG OR

CALL/TEXT 248-974-3323



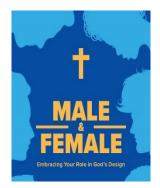


ATTENTION ATTENTION!!!!
SEEKING VBS VOLUNTEERS
WHO: 6 grade & older

WHEN: June 16th @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm June 17th- June 20th 9 am-Noon



Please respond either to familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or Text me @ 248-974-3323



APRIL 21, 2024 4:00-5:30 PM ST. PAUL NORTHVILLE PARISH HALL MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP Our culture has been nearly consumed by the question of male and female. There is no lack of information on how to view gender. What is often lacking is the actual perspective of Scripture.

How do we talk to our children with love about God's design for sex, men, women? If you have a child in your life, please join us for a talk by Christa Petzold. She is the co-author of "Male and Female: Embracing Your Role in God's Design" with her husband, Lutheran pastor Jonathan Petzold. Christa will present Biblical teachings outlining God's plans for us as men and women and provide guidance about how to answer children's questions about practices like homosexuality and transgenderism.

To RSVP or for questions, contact Kristen Goodman at bk_goodman@yahoo.com or 248-662-7580 **Christa Petzold -** Christa Petzold is a pastor's wife and stay-at-home mother of four. She holds a master's degree in theology from Concordia University Irvine and a bachelor's degree in Lutheran Secondary Education and mathematics from Concordia University Wisconsin. She lives with her family in Bartlett, Illinois, and spends her time

homeschooling, reading, writing, and studying church history. She is the author of *Gathered by Christ: The Overlooked Gift of Church, Male and Female: Embracing Your Role in God's Design, New Augsburg*, and her newest work, *Journey Through Church History*, coming this summer from CPH.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Just a couple dates available. May 19 one vase, June 30 one vase. If you would like to purchase a vase please call Valeria Krause. 734-464-4188 and leave a message.

March 2024 Street Outreach Totals (items taken to the less fortunate of Detroit and passed out on the street)



64 blessing bags (socks, hygiene, and food)
20 care kits made by Mercy High School girls
10 pizzas/pop
10 Subway Meals

100 meals (fruit cups, veggies, meatballs, <u>bread</u> and drinks) provided and served by Herman's Restaurant in Plymouth (owners have children in school here at St. Paul's)

2 dozen blankets 100s pairs new underwear 15 Kroger subs, <u>chips</u> and pop 12 hats 10 coats **SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING** There will be a Voter's Assembly between services on April 21, 2024 for the purpose of approving the capital expenditure for the church roof replacement this summer. Funding will be a mix of church reserves and external financing. Proposed sample roof materials are available near the East / Parish Hall entrance.





Please see a trustee / council member for more information in advance of the Voter's meeting.

DLS IN CONCERT

Scary. Howling. Crying in sorrow. Withering away.
Sound like a fun concert? Come and hear how trees clap
their hands. How lions and lambs live together.
How you will leave with joy.

Sunday, April 14, 2024 @ 3:00 PM St. Philip's Episcopal Church 100 Romeo Rd. Rochester, MI

Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church 438 St. Antoine Detroit, MI

Sunday, April 21 @ 3:00 PM Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 W 14 Mile Rd. Birmingham, MI

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



Newcomer Class is beginning soon! Are you NEW to St. Paul Lutheran?

Join us Wednesday evenings **April 17**th , **April 24**th **and May 1**st **6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequaled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and 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

As Julia our regular driver was off enjoying a spring break in Florida with her family Pat Melton, Kathy Verseman, Pat McGuigan and I went down to Family of God to serve the dinner some of you helped to prepare. Pat McGuigan was our driver, and she did a fine job transporting us back and forth. We served 96 servings of our Chicken Tamale Casserole, thanks to MaryLou Jaussi, Gretchen Hasse, Pat McGuigan, Janet Kovalak, Jeanette Koch, Kathy Verseman, Lisa Baumgarten and me. Carole Crete donated some cash, so I made a casserole, bought bananas, a case of water and dessert for next month, thank you Carole. Nancy Berg donated the sour cream, Kathy Hoener the salsa, Cheryl Bailey the Nacho chips, and someone, forgive me, I can't remember who volunteered to bring a 5# bag of cuties, it turned out to be 6, 3# bags, so those that wanted it could have a banana and a cutie. It's nice to be generous. Carolyn Nieuwkoop and Anne Burgess brought milk and juice. Beth Hempel, Marilyn Edick and Heather Rooker provided desserts. Marcy and Matt Treder prepared our bag of paper products and wrap forks each month, not only for our team but the Wednesday night team as well. Thank you Treder family. Margo is ever so faithful in warming our ovens and managing the kitchen for us, she is so appreciated. Thank you volunteers, together we can do it, praise God.





Call, Email or use the Go Fund Me Link - https://gofund.me/c4abdf9d



Today we celebrate the baptisms of Blake Kelly Patterson and Vivienne Mae Dunham in the 11am service today. Blake is the infant daughter of Kellen and Kara Patterson and was born in Farmington, Michigan on February 2, 2024. Vivienne is the infant daughter of Jonathan and Kristi Dunham and was born July 23,2023 in Beaumont Texas.

As God writes Blake's and Vivienne'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 Blake's and Vivienne's lives.