FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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11:00 am April 21, 2024



Easter People Follow

### **AS WE GATHER**

We hear so many mixed messages of what love is. Popular songs from the past decades or even more contemporary ones tell of what love can and should be; poems, memes, and other influences also are commonly read and seen; even our own emotions and feelings strive to tell us what love is and should feel like. Despite all these mixed messages, our Lord tells us <u>how we are to know</u> real and <u>perfect love</u>. In our Epistle we hear, "By this we know love, that Jesus laid down His life for us" (1 John 3:16). Today, we focus on the fact that as our Good Shepherd, Jesus has laid down His life for His sheep. By that sacrifice on the cross and Easter victory, we can rejoice in a perfect love that lasts and an unconditional love that forgives as our Good Shepherd continues to guide, lead, and direct us through all our days.

This day we praise our risen Lord, our Good Shepherd, by giving ourselves to "Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done."

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **Good God Almighty**

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night And You showed up and patched me up Like You do every time I get amnesia I forget that You keep coming around Yeah ain't no way You'll ever let me down

Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me Praising Your Name no matter what comes 'Cause I know where I'd be Without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Tell me is He good (He's good) Tell me is He God (He's God) He is Good God Almighty

You say Your love goes on forever That Your mercy never stops So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not Like sun in the morning I know You're gonna be there every day So what on earth could make me be afraid

Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me Praising Your Name no matter what comes

'Cause I know where I'd be Without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Tell me is He good (He's good) Tell me is He God (He's God) He is Good God Almighty

Praise Him in the morning Praise Him in the noon time Praise Him when the sun goes down Love Him in the morning Love Him in the noon time Love Him when the sun goes down

Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me Praising Your Name no matter what comes 'Cause I know where I'd be Without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

Tell me is He good (He's good) Tell me is He God (He's God) He is Good God Almighty

Jesus in the morning Jesus in the noon time Jesus when the sun goes down Jesus in the morning Jesus in the noon time Jesus when the sun goes down

### INVOCATION

- Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep.
- People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Revelation 7:12

#### **OPENING SENTENCES and CONFESSION** Psalm 25:4–5, 9 alt.

Pastor: O Lord, so often we have not listened to Your voice as we should.

- People: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
- Pastor: O Christ, we have strayed from You and have been disobedient.
- People: Have mercy on us, O Christ.
- Pastor: O Lord, we have been rebellious and have turned to our own way, following our own wisdom, relying on our own strength.
- People: Have mercy on us, O Lord. Renew, restore and refresh us by Your unending mercy and grace.

**PSALM** Psalm 23:1-6 (*The Lord is our Shepherd. He cares for us in every need.*)

Pastor: The Lord is my Shepherd.

Women: I shall not be in want.

- Men: I shall not be in want.
- Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

#### Women: He leads me beside still waters.

- Men: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for His name's sake.
- Pastor: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil---

### Women: for You are with me;

Men: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

*Women:* You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Men: Surely Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

### People: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor: Glory belongs to the Father ,the Son and the Holy Spirit, in times past, now, and forever.

People: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

- Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Pastor: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- **People:** but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son. *Hebrews* 1:1-2
- Pastor: God said, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him."
- People: Open our ears, Lord, that we may hear; open our hearts that we may listen and obey.
- Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- People: who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8
- Pastor: The Lord is your Shepherd, your merciful and mighty Savior. He has taken all your sin and weakness into Himself, taken it away by His merciful death on the cross. Now by the might of His resurrection and power over death, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ➡ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### **Come What May**

Sometimes sorrow is the door to peace Sometimes heartache is the gift I need You're faithful faithful In all things

#### Chorus

In every high in every low On mountaintops down broken roads You're still my rock my hope remains I'll rest in the arms of Jesus Come what may Interlude

There is deep joy that you give to me Where hurt meets the healing is a holy thing I see goodness your goodness In all things

In every high in every low On mountaintops down broken roads You're still my rock my hope remains I'll rest in the arms of Jesus Come what may Interlude (Come what may) Come what may

Bridge

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want He makes me lie down in green pastures The Lord is my shepherd leads me to still waters And he restores my soul Chorus In every high in every low On mountaintops down broken roads You're still my rock my hope remains I'll rest in the arms of Jesus (2X)

Come what may Come what may Come what may

## FIRST READING 1 John 3:16–24 (Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)

<sup>16</sup> We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. <sup>19</sup> Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. <sup>20</sup> Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence.
 <sup>22</sup> And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John10:11–18 (I am the Good Shepherd.)

- Reader: <sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- People: <sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

- Reader: <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."
- 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.

### God Is Good

Third grade I drew my dreams On a blank page my own silver screen Painted sun never rain And love without pain

It's funny that life I designed Never played out like I had in mind Had some highs hit the ground Some ups that went down But one thing that I've figured out Chorus Joy comes tears fall

I'm learning there is beauty in it all It's not hard to find it You just have to look Oh God is good I've said hellos and goodbyes And I've held my friends while they've cried Tasted bitter and sweet Those moments between Oh He's had his hand on everything

Chorus

Joy comes tears fall I'm learning there is beauty in it all It's not hard to find it

You just have to look Oh God is good

#### Bridge

We're all young then we're old Kids have kids of their own And the days just keep moving moving If there's one thing I know True wherever I go He is with me forever through it all

### Chorus

Joy comes tears fall I'm learning there is beauty in it all It's not hard to find it You just have to look Oh God is good Oh God is good

**MESSAGE –** Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## 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.
  You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and mercy; let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.
- Pastor: For the times we fear our enemies and the powers against us, remind us that we belong to You and no one can snatch us from Your hand. We bring before the Lord the part of Your flock here in this place and others whom we love in their time of need, [*especially* . . .]. Carry them as lambs in a shepherd's arms through the difficult paths ahead. Give all wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation; let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Give us courage that we <u>not live in captivity</u> to our fears; guide those who lead us in this and every land; provide peace, justice, and freedom for people everywhere. In our busy days, give us time to reflect upon the goodness of God and to experience joy in the security and peace You provide us, that we find contentment and peace in You; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe. Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

- Pastor: That when we gather at the Table of Communion for the forgiveness of sins, having faith to receive His gifts for the nourishment of our lives of faith now and to the life that is to come; let us pray to the Lord.
- People: Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy. 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.

## 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.

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- 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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

++ We offer Gluten-free wafers upon request. ++

### The Way

Through every battle Through every heartbreak Through every circumstance I believe that You are my fortress Oh You are my portion You are my hiding place Oh I believe You are

Chorus The Way the Truth the Life I believe You are The Way the Truth the Life I believe (You are) Through every blessing Through every promise Through every breath I take I believe that You are provider You are protector You are the One I love I believe You are

Chorus The Way the Truth the Life I believe You are The Way the Truth the Life I believe (You are)



Bridge It's a new horizon And I'm set on You And You meet me here today With mercies that are new

All my fears and doubts They can all come too Because they can't stay long When I believe You are

# Chorus The Way the Truth the Life I believe You are The Way the Truth the Life I believe (You are)

The Way the Truth the Life I believe You are The Way the Truth the Life I believe (You are)

## I Raise a Halleluiah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me

I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise Death is defeated the King is alive

Lead

Congregation

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

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| Congregation           | Lead                 | Congregation: Sing a little louder       |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| (Sing a little louder) | - in the presence of |  |
| my enemies             |                      | I'm gonna sing in the middle of the      |
| (Sing a little louder) | - louder than the    | storm                                    |
| unbelief               |                      | Louder and louder you're gonna hear      |
| (Sing a little louder) | - my weapon is a     | my praises roar                          |
| melody                 |                      | Up from the ashes hope will arise        |
| (Sing a little louder) | - Heaven comes to    | Death is defeated the King is alive (2X) |
| fight for me           |                      |  |
| -                      |                      | l raise a hallelujah                     |

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# **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through 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: 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

#### Greater

Bring your tired and bring your shame Bring your guilt and bring your pain Don't you know that's not your name You will always be much more to me

Every day I wrestle with the voices That keep telling me I'm not right But that's alright

#### Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed

When others say I'll never be enough And greater is the One living inside of me

Than he who is living in the world

In the world - in the world And greater is the One living inside of me

Than he who is living in the world

### Verse 2

Bring your doubts and bring your fears Bring your hurt and bring your tears There'll be no condemnation here You are holy righteous and redeemed

Every time I fall There'll be those who will call me a mistake Well that's ok

#### Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed

When others say I'll never be enough And greater is the One living inside of me

Than he who is living in the world

In the world - in the world And greater is the One living inside of me Than he who is living in the world

#### Bridge

There'll be days I lose the battle Grace says that it doesn't matter 'Cause the cross already won the war (He's greater He's greater)

I am learning to run freely Understanding just how He sees me And it makes me love Him more and more (He's greater He's greater) (REPEAT) Every day I wrestle with the voices That keep telling me I'm not right But that's alright

Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed

When others say I'll never be enough And greater is the One living inside of me

Than he who is living in the world

In the world - in the world And greater is the One living inside of me

Than he who is living in the world

And greater is the One living inside of me

Than he who is living in the world

#### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

### People: Thanks be to God.

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 Pastor Christopher Fairbairn Pastor Jim Frusti Jeanette Koch Paul Ventimiglia Mark Baumgarten

> Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes

Praise Team

|                | Linda Johnson<br>Jeff Shapiro<br>Kurt Menhart<br>Chris Englert |
|----------------|--|
| Reader         | Joanne Bandoni   |
| Welcome Center | Sue Poole  |
| Counters       | Dave Tischler<br>Jan Paver                                     |
| Ushers         | Craig Miller<br>Pat McGuigan                                   |
| Acolyte        | Jenna Raikes   |
| Greeters       | Harp Family  |
| Tech Team      | Doug Towner  |
| Atar Society   | Karen Frusti<br>Sue Poole<br>Christine Lewis                   |

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 4.14.2024 - Attendance - 8:30am - 80 + 11:00am - 129 = 209Communion - 68 Donations needed each week for Church and School - \$9,808, Received week of 4.14.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$16,037- total includes online giving School - \$7,206

> Remember Our Shut-Ins Dorothy Schneider 41215 Fox Run Drive WT 320 Novi, MI 48377



Altar Flowers In honor of Sherry Manning's birthday from her sister Marlene Shoebridge.

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

| 21 APR, SUN | 8:30 – 9:30am               | Worship w/ Communion   |
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|             | 9:45 – 10:45am              | Sunday School & Youth Bible Study  |
|             | 9:45 – 10:30am              | 7th/8th grade Confirmation room #3   |
|             | 🔵 11am – 12pm               | Worship w/ Communion   |
|             | ● 4 – 6:30pm                | Family Life SpeakerSeries: God's Design for Male & Female" Gym and Parish Hall |
|             | • 7 – 9pm                   | Adult pick up basketball school gym  |
| 22 APR, MON | • 3:45 – 5:15pm             | School Early Childhood Meeting   |
|             | ● 6:30 – 7:30pm             | Council Mtg PH Parish Hall   |
|             | 7 – 8:30pm                  | Grand River Grizzlies Basketball Practice                                      |
| 24 APR, WED | • 6:30 – 7:30pm             | Newcomers Group - Parish Hall  |
| 26 APR, FRI | <ul> <li>All day</li> </ul> | School Spring Musical  |
|             | • 7 – 9pm                   | AA Mtg. church 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.



APRIL MOVIE NIGHT IT'S FREE SATURDAY APRIL 27th 5: OO PM - 7:00PM PETER RABBIT 2 PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go enjoy a night out. Please contact me if you have any questions. Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director 248-349-3146 EXT 113- OFFICE 248-974-3323 CELL familylife@stpauInorthville.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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.





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

**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.

We, the members of the Auction Committee, would like to thank our sponsors, our congregation, our school families, and our Church and School staff, and all our volunteers for making our Storybook Gala a success! Your generosity of time, talent, and dollars has made our goal of supporting our St. Paul Northville Lutheran School possible! Anyone looking in at our event at Suburban Showcase saw a lovely room full of folks having a fun evening. We saw a miracle, made possible by your loving generous hearts!

**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 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 <u>www.detroitlutheransingers.com</u> or at the door. *Newcomer Class is beginning soon! Are you NEW to St. Paul Lutheran?* 

Join us Wednesday evenings **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** and **May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<u>Guatemala Eyeglass Mission</u> In the early hours of Sunday April 14<sup>th,</sup> the St. Paul Guatemala mission team returned safely from their mission to Zacapa, Guatemala. God blessed the St. Paul team and our 5 other team members from congregations in Northern Michigan and Washington state with a very successful

mission. Despite the heat (reaching 106 degrees at one point!) we were able to serve 482 people and dispense 660 pairs of glasses. The team wishes to thank the St. Paul congregation for all the prayers and support without which the mission could not have been accomplished. You can read more about the mission on the team blog at <a href="https://mostteam2423.wordpress.com/">https://mostteam2423.wordpress.com/</a>





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

Great Night Downtown for the **Family of God Mission** Meal 4.17.24- Fed about 80 people and a total of **125** plates of food. We took brownies (thank you church family) homemade pierogies, meatballs and gravy, pulled pork sandwiches, garden salads, pasta salads, potato salads, coleslaw, a great variety of desserts, including Pastor Hill's favorite banana pudding (he got his own pan) - made by a friend of mine- chips and drinks! Such a blessing to be able to serve! Glad to be able to have my friends enjoy a night of giving and for my church family to be so supportive ! Everyone is welcome to help with these meals, need more information? Give the church office a call- Love Margo 248-349-3140

