FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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8:30 am April 21, 2024



Easter People Follow

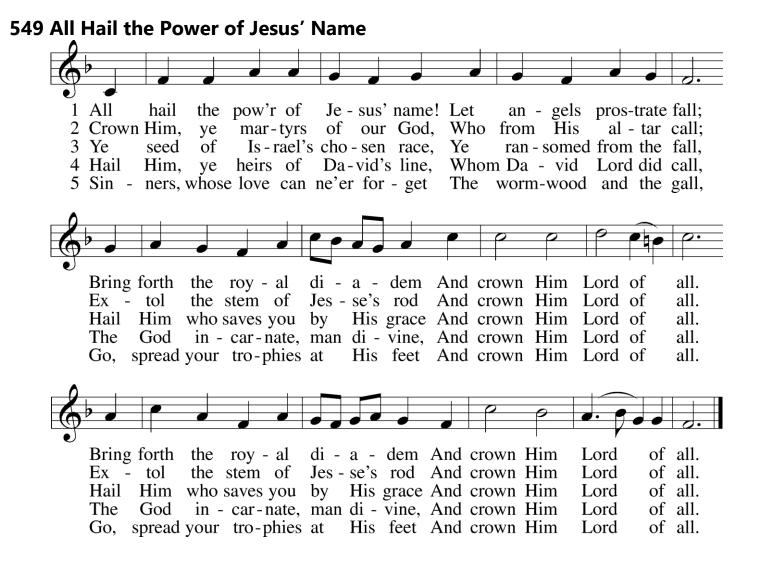
AS WE GATHER

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



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

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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.

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

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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?

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

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

²³ 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. ²⁴ 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 John 10:11–18 (I am the Good Shepherd.)

- Reader: ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² 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. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- People: ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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: ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ 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.



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.

SACRAMENT 👁

- 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.

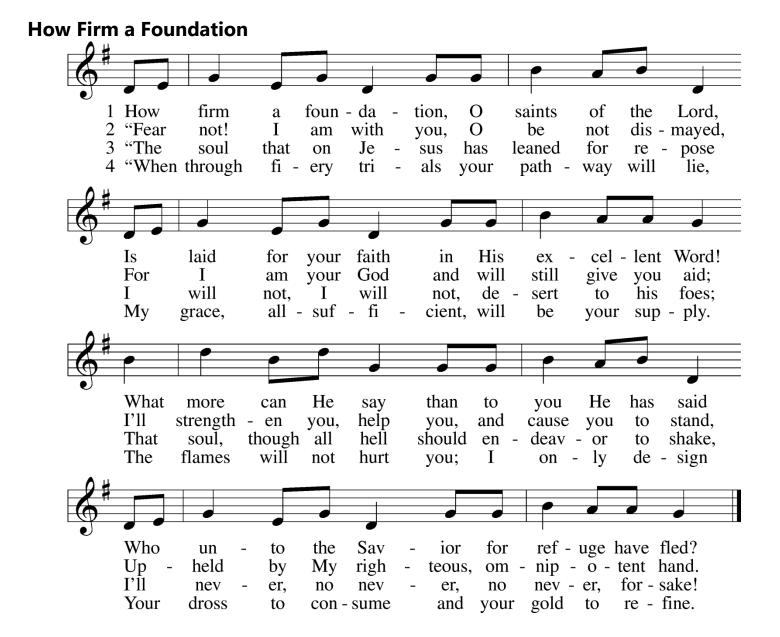
++ We offer Gluten-free wafers upon request. ++





760 What God Ordains Is Always Good 1 What God or - dains is ways good: His will is al -2 What God or - dains is al _ ways good: He nev - er 3 What God or - dains is al ways good: His lov - ing 4 What God or - dains is al ways good: He is my _ and As He di - rects life for just ho ly. my me, will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way, No thought at - tends me; poi - son can be in the cup ther; He suf - fers naught to friend and Fa do me harm -Ι fol - low meek and low ly. My God in - deed _ And nev - er will He leave me. Ι take con - tent That my phy - si cian sends me. My is God true; Though man - y may gath er. Now may know storms Ι ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield In me; that sends me What He has sent; His hand sad ness Each morn - ing new Ι trust His grace un end _ ing, joy woe; Some - day Ι shall Both and see clear ly Him, Ι То then, will yield me. Will tears turn my to glad ness. My life to Him com mend ing. He That has loved dear me ly.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 164 (sung)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell the world what He has done.

Let each one who seeks the Lord Proudly go and bear His name.

He recalls His promises, Leads His people forth in joy,

Singing thanks and praising Him, Allelu, alleluia.

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.

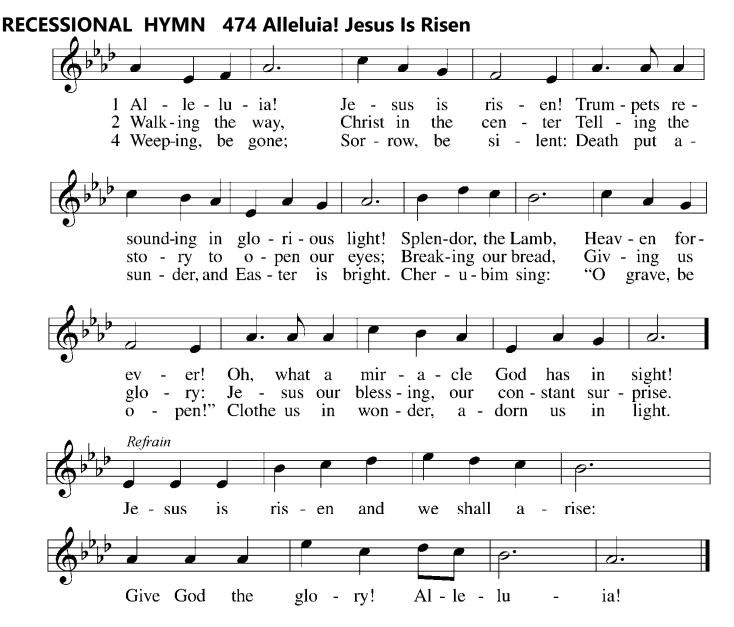
People: Amen.

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



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 John Hasse
Reader	Marty Jenter
Welcome Center	Christine Lewis
Counters	Dave Tischler Jan Paver
Ushers	John Nordbeck Barry Helmick Katie Helmick Carole Crete Paul Kemp
Acolyte	Lucy Adler
Greeters	Haubenstricker Family
Tech Team	Patrick Baker
Coffee Hour	OPEN
Atar Society	Karen Frusti Sue Poole 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 1st and 3rd 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
	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	 All day 	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 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 Department Students In Need funds. For further information Arbor Music and Ann 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.

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.

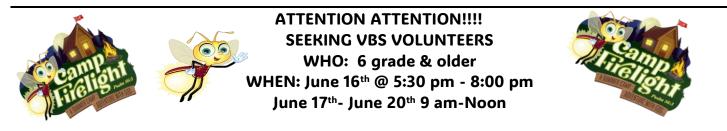


\$\$\$\$ Endowment Fund News \$\$\$\$

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
- 600 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.

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?

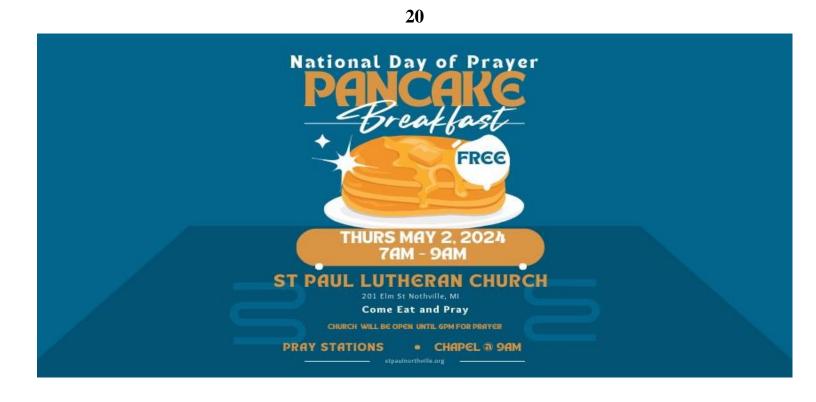
Join us Wednesday evenings **April 17th**, **April 24th** and **May 1st 6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequaled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and always. Whether you are new to our church or looking to transfer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

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

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<u>Guatemala Eyeglass Mission</u> In the early hours of Sunday April 14^{th,} 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 https://mostteam2423.wordpress.com/

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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!

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

