

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11:00 am  
January 26, 2025



Today Scripture Is Fulfilled in Your Hearing

### AS WE GATHER

**Our response** to the proclamation of the Gospel is central to our lives.

Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, Jesus Christ.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

### RINGING OF THE BELL

**Guest Artist**

**Au Matin** (*Tournier*)

*Brittany De Young / Harpist*

## Praise

### Verse 1

I'll praise in the valley,  
 Praise on the mountain.  
 I'll praise when I'm sure,  
 Praise when I'm doubting.  
 I'll praise when outnumbered,  
 Praise when surrounded,  
 'Cause praise is the water.  
 My enemies drown in

As long as I'm breathing,  
 I've got a reason to ...

### Chorus 1

Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul.

### Verse 2

I'll praise when I feel it  
 And I'll praise when I don't.  
 I'll praise 'cause I know  
 You're still in control.  
 'Cause my praise is a weapon,  
 It's more than a sound.  
 My praise is the shout  
 That brings Jericho down.

As long as I'm breathing,  
 I've got a reason to ...

### Chorus 2

Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
 I won't be quiet,  
 My God is alive.  
 How could I keep it inside?  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul.

### Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign,  
 Praise 'cause You reign.  
 Praise 'cause You rose and defeated  
 the grave.  
 I'll praise 'cause You're faithful,  
 Praise 'cause You're true.  
 Praise 'cause there's nobody greater  
 than You. (2x)

### Chorus 3

Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul.  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul.

I won't be quiet, My God is alive.  
 How could I keep it inside?  
 Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
 Oh my soul

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and meditations of our minds by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: While assured of God's great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the hoped-for promise of salvation was fully realized. On this day, in this place, help us receive Your Word with open and believing hearts while the truth of Your redeeming Law and Gospel is proclaimed to us. Let the Spirit of the Lord be upon us so that the Scripture once again is fulfilled in our hearing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

(They taught the Word of the Lord clearly so that the people might understand.)

Reader: <sup>1</sup> All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

<sup>2</sup> So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.

**People: <sup>3</sup> He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.**

Reader: <sup>5</sup> Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. <sup>6</sup> Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded,

**People: "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.**

**<sup>8</sup> They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.**

Reader: <sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all,

"This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **I Love to Tell the Story**

Verse 1

I love to tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory  
Of Jesus and His love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do

Chorus

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story  
More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies  
Of all our golden dreams  
I love to tell the story  
It did so much for me  
And that is just the reason

I tell it now to thee

Chorus

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new new song  
'Twill be the old old story  
That I have loved so long

Chorus

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 12:12–31 (Each of us is a part of the Body of Christ.)

Reader: <sup>12</sup> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. <sup>15</sup> If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

<sup>18</sup> But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. <sup>19</sup> How strange a body would be if it had only one part! <sup>20</sup> Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

**People: <sup>22</sup> In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. <sup>23</sup> And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, <sup>24</sup> while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. <sup>25</sup> This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.**

Reader: <sup>27</sup> All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.  
<sup>28</sup> Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.  
<sup>29</sup> Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! <sup>31</sup> So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Message

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 4:16–30 (Jesus opens a scroll to read and fulfills its words in His person and work.)

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,  
<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

<sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

<sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

<sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

## THE APOSTLES CREED

**"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, ... . Amen."**



### I Raise a Halleluia

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
<i>Sing a little louder.</i>	(Sing a little louder.)
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<i>Sing a little louder.</i>	(Sing a little louder.)

Congregation	Lead
(Sing a little louder,)	<i>in the presence of my enemies.</i>
(Sing a little louder,)	<i>louder than the unbelief.</i>
(Sing a little louder;)	<i>my weapon is a melody.</i>

(Sing a little louder;) *Heaven comes to fight for me.*

Congregation: Sing a little louder - -

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. (2X)

I raise a hallelujah.

## MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

### Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

#### CHORUS

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**  
**His truth is marching on.**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **CHORUS**

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on. **CHORUS**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord for His church, for all Christians, and for everyone as they have need.

God of mercy, You have made known to us Your Word, and from that Word we have come to know Jesus. Guard our unity in Christ, and give us the Holy Spirit, that we may work together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Keep us from thinking too highly of ourselves than we ought. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who confess your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give ear to Your people and to those who govern in every place, that we may enjoy the blessing of good government and good leaders and so reflect this gift by faithful stewardship of Your gifts and good citizenship wherever we live. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lift up those who have been brought low by illness, affliction, a troubled heart or mind, or grief over the loss of those whom they love, that Your grace may support, defend, and heal them in the day of trouble. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Though we have every treasure of this moment, without Your grace we live in poverty of life and spirit. Grant to us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a grateful heart to give thanks to You for all Your kindness to us, and inspire us to be faithful in tithes and offerings and generous to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As You are one, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make us one people on earth, united in the confession of Your name, until that day when every barrier and division shall be overcome and Your church on earth and Your church in heaven shall be one forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front and 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.

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.

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.

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE INVITATIONS**

### **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)

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.

And I, I, I, I don't want to leave a legacy.  
 I don't care if they remember me.  
 Only Jesus.



**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 Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	Mark Baumgarten
Guest Artist	Brittany De Young / Harpist
Ushers	Lenny Elliott Christian Krauter
Counting Team	Jan Greulich Frank Newman George Foor
Welcome Center	Kara Patterson
Greeters	Hoffmeier Family
Tech Team	James Nordbeck
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart
Acolyte	Luke Donaldson

**Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Parish Hall

THURSDAYS – Bible Quizzing - practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM JV/Varsity or  
6:45-8:00PM Little League Practice

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Attendance Last week: 1.19.2025– Attendance - 8:30am -87 + 11:00am - 73 = 160

Communion – 127

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

Received week of 1.19.2024- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$13,765** total includes online giving School - **\$16**

26	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12:30 – 3:30pm	Drop in volleyball (6th grade and up)
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
27	JAN, MON	● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
28	JAN, TUE	● 7 – 8:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball
29	JAN, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
30	JAN, THU	● 3 – 5pm	Bible Quizzing-JV/Varsity Parish Hall
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
		● 6:45 – 8pm	Bible Quizzing- Little League Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball
31	JAN, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
1	FEB, SAT	● 9 – 11am	Soccer Shots - gym

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Joyce Carr  
 1066 Washington Circle  
 Northville, MI 48167



## *Altar Flowers*

*In loving memory of Lora Schmidt's birthday*

*from her daughters Margo and Jean.*

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

### \$\$\$\$ 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 2024 year end balance is **\$96,665.36** which generates **\$4825** in grant dollars available for 2025. We are headed into our fourth year of grants and have been able to give over \$11,500 in total grants. Here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has supported 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
- \$2000 Church Roof
- \$450 VBS T-Shirts
- \$500 Bible Quizzers
- \$1000 New Church Website
- \$500 School science experiment/chemistry supplies

Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to donate to our Endowment Fund. Stay tuned for our 2025 grant application window that will open in Q2.

### **THE FAMILY OF GOD MEAL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th:**

Many thanks to the servers: Chris Englert, Curtis Kalina, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier; the cooks: the Hoffmeier's, Marilyn Edick & Sue Mai; the brownie bakers: Chris Henning, Beth Hempel, Debbie Pichan & Marcy Treder; the shoppers: Chris & Jeff Henning. The menu was: BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, green beans, crunchy coleslaw, brownies, bananas and beverages. 50 people were served and they were very appreciative of a hot meal. It was a very cold night and we heard that the numbers may be down because once they find a warm place to stay they don't want to leave because it will be 'claimed' by someone else. Several shared their stories of their hardships and trying to survive the weather. Please keep Pastor Jim, Pastor Nick, and the Deacons at the FoG in your thoughts and prayers and they continue their ministry to this mission in southwest Detroit. "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of min, you did for me'" Matthew 25:40





It's already time to be thinking about the next school year at St Paul Lutheran. Most of you know that we offer a pre-school (3 and 4 year olds) to 8th grade education for children seeking a Christian, moral based and strong academic program. Our school is unique in that it helps to build a foundation for life and for eternity. Tuition ranges from \$3500 to \$6300 depending on the program and LCMS membership. Compared to other private schools, this is a deal. There is a discount for more than one child. Please take a moment to inform your friends, family, work colleagues and neighbors about the school here at St Paul and suggest they give it consideration. We are happy to provide a tour or sit down meeting with the school staff for those wishing more information. Parents can also check out the website at <https://stpaulschoolnorthville.org> or phone the school 248-349-3146.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Everyone is invited to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Luncheon of the Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. We typically carpool from church, start time is 11:00am, we will leave church around 10:00am.. This year's luncheon will be held at Crystal Gardens Banquet Hall, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI. Parking is available in front of and to the east of the building. Michigan District President David Davis will be our speaker.

RESERVATIONS are \$38.00 per person, which includes a \$2.00/person donation to seminarians and CLW-supported food banks. NOTE: Seating is at tables of 10. When a group has less than 10 at a table, the table will be shared. Reservations are now being accepted and will be via Eventbrite. The link to the Eventbrite reservation will be available on the CLW website [CLWMichigan.com](http://CLWMichigan.com). Use that link and click on the Reserve a Spot button to reserve 1 or more seats for the luncheon. Every effort will be made to assign the best seating based on the date the reservation was received.

Any questions, please ask Sue Poole or Barbara Hoffmeier.



The handbell choir, also known as The Joyful Ringers is looking to recruit some additional members. We are a fun group that loves our music ministry and are excited to add some new members. It is helpful if you've had some musical experience, played a musical instrument or sang in a choir. However, just a desire to join a musical ministry at St Paul's will be enough. We practice on Thursdays from 5:45 to 7:00pm during the school year. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this beautiful and uplifting handbell choir, Please call or text Carol Kandah 248-921-6061.

Congregation, we are off to a new year serving meals at Family of God. Tuesday, January 7 we served 98 meals, including seconds and to-go's. Most enjoy our Chicken Tetrizzini casserole but we found that Ryan was allergic to mushrooms. He was okay but couldn't eat our meal as he was also allergic to black olives which were in our salad. They had something in the refrigerator for Ryan to eat so he was all set. Our Chicken Tetrizzini Casserole Makers were Julia Smith, also our driver, Mary Lou Jaussi, Mallanee Asher (2), Susan Haubenstricker, Gretchen Hasse, Pat McGuigan, Lisa Fairbairn and Sue Poole (2). Beth Hempel made a huge salad for 100 and it looked yummy, I heard it was. Cheryl brought the salad dressing for us, Carole Crete rolls and butter. Katy Baetz-Matthews, Sue Poole and Janean Potter all provided the fruit, it was bananas and cuties. Jan Faerber provided Chocolate/White Milk:, Cindy Kivell a case of water and Anne & Chris Burgess Apple Juice. Claudia, Jan Kovalak and Jan Faerber provided the dessert yummy assortment of cookies and our famous brownies. Our servers were Julia Smith, Pat McGuigan, Claudia Williamson, Sue Poole and Laurie one of the Christ Our Savior girls helped us as well. Marcy had our paper supplies all packed and ready to go, she is so much appreciated. Margo helps to organize our kitchen for us, we will be so happy when the ovens are working in the school kitchen. Pat McGuigan picked up one of the Blessing Bags before we left the church and as we finished our evening serving, there was Michael, the cookie monster, tucked away to keep warm, we were able to bless him with a bag. Such simple things bring so my joy. We appreciate all Margo's work to keep the ministry in front of us and have the items to pack, the bag was heavy. Marta, blessed the servers by making us Empanadas, a Spanish (Mexican) beef turnover. They were very good. We appreciated her kindness. Let me mention too, John Hasse requested a Thrivent grant to help pay for supplies needed for the ministry. Thank you John and Gretchen. Our next meal will be February 4, 2025. Blessings on your days ahead.

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**A GOOD WINTER PROJECT?** Someone is needed to list items for sale, probably on the internet, regarding church/ school kitchen supplies. The old dishes that were used years ago for our church meals need to be passed along to someone who has use of them. An inventory has been started but we need someone to follow up and help us dispose of these items after the kitchen renovation. If this is something you could help with or have a contact person who could need these items, please contact Barbara Hoffmeier #248.756.3035 or Nancy Berg #248.756.4031 for more information.

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Be a missionary with your MITE Box by giving and praying for LWML's approved mission grants for the next two years. For the month of January, Women In Christ is highlighting a \$25,000 grant for "Welcoming All God's Children (Lutheran Education Ministries)." The funds from this grant will be used to supply Lutheran Schools and teachers with necessary resources to support educational and spiritual growth of children who, though in Christian environments, do need special learning difficulties addressed. Please bring in your filled MITE box this month as January is one of four times this year that they will be collected.

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**Youth Bowling Grades 5th - 12th grade**

Event Timing: Saturday February 1, 2025  
 Sponsored by St Paul Lutheran Church Northville  
 Event Address: Plaza Lanes 42001 Ann Arbor Road  
 2 hour Bowling Pizza and Drink included \$15.00 per person  
 Contact Jeanette @ familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or text @248-974-3323  
 RSVP by Jan 31 so we can confirm we have enough lanes.

### 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 15, 2025 @ 12PM-3PM on Luke 2-3:23!** 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](http://stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing) or talk to Jake Fairbairn <[jakecfairbairn@gmail.com](mailto:jakecfairbairn@gmail.com), (248) 231-9684>.



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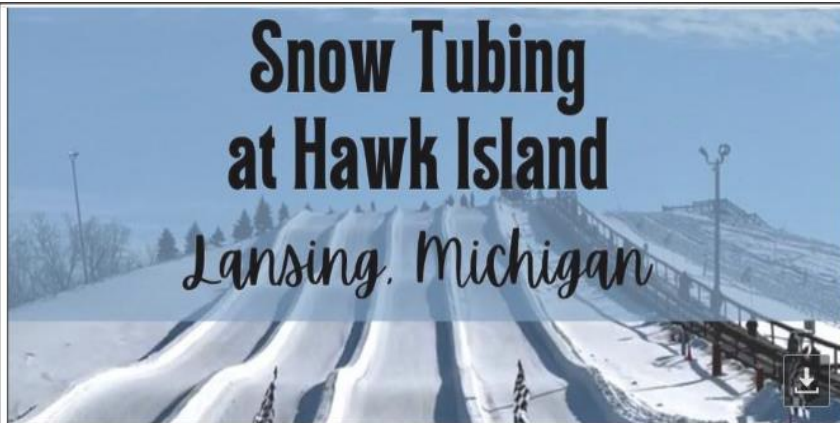
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All ages welcome! Invite your friends! Feb 15 from 4-6pm. Hawk Island is a little over an hour's drive. If you need a ride, we can meet at COS at 2:30pm and return around 7:30pm.

Hawk Island is a public park located at 1601 E Cavanaugh Rd, Lansing, MI 48910 with a snow making machine. As long as it is cold enough tubing will happen. Also, there is a "magic carpet" that carries you up the hill making it easy to go down the hill as many times as you want to go.

Please fill out this form to reserve your spot as space is limited. <https://forms.office.com/r/SghmTLQP8m>

Tickets are \$10 which is due by Feb 9th. Also, the waiver form on the second page of the above form will need to be printed and filled out. Please have those ready on Feb 15th.