



JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

Our 29th Year of Ministry in South Minneapolis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KRISTEN HIRT
PEOPLE OF HOPE

REV. MICHAEL PILLA, DTh
SENIOR PASTOR

BOARD ADVISORS

REV. TOM GOODRICH
FISHING FOR LIFE

DANIEL J. PILLA
TAX FREEDOM INSTITUTE

TEAM MEMBERS

REV. JEFFREY BOYER
BIBLE STUDY LEADER

REV. SHAR BURGESS, MTh
CHAPLAIN

REV. VAN DICKERSON
MENTORING PASTOR

REV. NORTON LAWELLIN
WORSHIP PASTOR

REV. JERRY MCCLESKEY
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

REV. MICHAEL PILLA, DTh
SENIOR PASTOR

ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

HANDS ACROSS THE CITY

FISHING FOR LIFE

GOD'S ROYAL FAMILY
FELLOWSHIP

INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL
FELLOWSHIP

PEOPLE OF HOPE

URBAN MINISTRY
THEOLOGY INSTITUTE



ISAIAH 58:11 *The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.*

The call of the Lord and the call of water here in Minnesota with more than 10,000 lakes, (some 14,000 according to the DNR).

So Peter decides to go fishing.

John 21:3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, "Friends,

haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fishes. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

Greetings friends, I hope that you are well on this fine summer day. It is July 10th, Wednesday morning as I write this newsletter and reflect on John ch 21. It always amazes me when I read the gospels and see how Jesus meets everyone that He encounters right where they are at, whether it is emotionally, spiritually or physically. In this case as we read it is all three. The disciples in particular Peter is still reeling from all that went on weeks before with the crucifixion, his denial of Christ and the resurrection. Now they are out fishing in their favorite spots with no success. Jesus shows up and instructs them to cast out on the other side. They experience huge success and now Jesus draws them in for more instructions before He leaves Earth.

This all happens when they are out fishing. On Tuesday August 6th we are hosting our 14th annual Urban and Suburban Pastors Fishing Tournament with **Fishing For Life**. We will be reeling the fish in coming out of Lord Fletcher's on Lake Minnetonka,

New relationships will develop between pastors who may not normally meet in their daily walk with God. The Lord uses this event to bring about new ministry partnerships which furthers God's work in building His kingdom.

(See back page). You can sponsor a boat for \$350.00 or one of 5 trophies to be given away to the winners (Bass, Walleye, Northern, Pan fish and Muskie). You can sponsor a trophy from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Without your continued support, both spiritually and financially, we could not minister to the folks in Minneapolis. We are watching God change lives every week and your partnership is a part of this ministerial endeavor of The Great Commission. Please consider supporting us financially if you have not yet done so. Thank you so much.

As a mission ministry and church, we rely on your support to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the city, near and far. Training up the next generation of leaders.

Thank you so much for your financial and spiritual support. Have a blessed day and week.

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

PASTOR NORTON LAWELLIN'S DAILY DEVOTIONAL

John 21:6 NLT, Jesus speaking: “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll catch some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.”

At that time, the disciples were at a low point in their ‘Jesus-walk.’ Their leader had been crucified and his body had gone missing. They still trusted and believed Jesus was the Son of God, but frankly they were confused by all that had happened.

It might be good to just go fishing, get back to nature and try to sort things out. Turns out that fishing was not productive that day – they hadn’t caught a single thing! Jesus hollered at them from the shore, but it was sunrise and the disciples couldn’t make out who was shouting. “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” Who was this guy? There are fish on the right side of the boat, but not the left? Give me a break!

Nonetheless they gave it a try, and so many fish filled the net that these strong men couldn’t even pull it in! John realized that this had to be Jesus, and Peter dove into the water to get to the master before the others.

So what’s our takeaway from this? Whether you’re fishing for fish or fishing for men and women, it goes better if Jesus is in it! Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations, so get busy fishing! The sooner the better!

Jesus loves you, and he also loves your unsaved brother or sister.

Pastor Norton Lawellin

The Many Upcoming Ministry EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2024

- **SUNDAY MORNING, THE FACEBOOK LIVE FEED STARTS AT 9:15 AM.**
- **“SUPPER AND SCRIPTURES” ON WEDNESDAY EVENING LIVE FEED ON FACEBOOK LIVE 5:00PM**
- **FRIDAY NIGHT FOCUS ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 7PM**
- **BIBLE STUDIES FOR MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP.**
- **AUGUST 6, 2024 PASTORS FISHING TOURNAMENT ON LAKE MINNETONKA**
- **CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY 2024**

We rely on your prayers and support to continue this mission of bringing God’s love through Jesus Christ to the city. I thank you in advance for your continued support, and pray that you have a blessed summer!



THE LORD
is my shepherd
nothing shall I want
He leads me +
by safe paths
nothing shall I fear



Pastor Mark Dorn with his winning Northern Pike at last year's Pastors Tournament. Mark Pastors in Brooklyn Park at Vertical Life Church. Check them out at verticallifechurch.org



Pastor Mark with his ministry team at the Pastors Tourney in 2023.



Ralph Cork drumming at an outreach at Freedom Works in ministry in North Minneapolis.



Pastor Michael Pilla with worship leader Nathaniel Harris at a JICF staff meeting / BBQ at Pastor Michael's house.



Pastor Patio livestream with Pastor Michael Pilla and Pastor Steve Loopstra from Brazil with his wife Orilane.



You're invited to the Jesus In The City 2024 Fishing For Life

14TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT

at Lord Fletchers on beautiful Lake Minnetonka

Tuesday, August 6th 7:30am – 2pm

Come and make new friends and partners! • Fishing is Free!
Sponsor a boat for \$350. • Each boat will have a fishing guide.
Walleye shore lunch included with great fellowship.



A fund raiser to help with fulfilling the great
commission in urban ministry and evangelism.

Jesus In The City ministers to hundreds of people every month.

We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city. **Thank you so much!**

DONATE ONLINE

You can donate online at the Jesus In The City website. <http://www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org>
We are streaming our Sunday message live on Facebook at 9:00 a.m. and special classes and Bible studies on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

BE SURE to tune in on Mondays for my in-depth exploration of the book of Revelations!

Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page to join our live streams or to see videos of past services and presentations.

Jesus In The City Ministries • P O Box 19589 • Minneapolis, MN 55419-0589
phone 612-730-3390 • michaelangelo@pclink.com • www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org