

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Day of Baptismal Affirmation

8:30 am  
May 4, 2025



### They Knew It Was the Risen Lord

#### AS WE GATHER

**God's Word is always effective;** we cannot truly hear it and remain as we were. What a revelation! Today's Scripture Readings all reflect this truth. In Acts, Saul, once responsible for the stoning of Stephen, is changed into the apostle Paul, the human author of much of the New Testament. And in the Gospel, Peter is forgiven for his weak faith on Thursday and given the gracious invitation to follow Christ. Now it is **our turn to be changed** — into people freed from sin and death to serve our living Lord.



***Family, friends and guests:*** Today is a special day in the lives of those young people who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they profess their faith in Jesus Christ and continue their baptismal journey in the Church, growing in stature and wisdom.

As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own growth in faith and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in God's church.

**WELCOME – Pastor Fairbairn****RINGING OF THE BELL****525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

**INVOCATION**

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

People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 30:5; 145:9*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord is good to all,

**People: and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

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

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

**People: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We are dead in sin by our very nature. We have failed to do the good You have called us to do, and we have done the evil You forbid. We pray for pardon and forgiveness for our sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Release us from sin's burden and guilt that we may know the peace of forgiveness and serve You with our whole heart, mind, and strength.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. There is no more condemnation, but only new life in Christ. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus.

The peace of the Lord ☩ be with you.

**People: Christ be awaken in us! Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of mercy, You loved us even when we loved You not. We give You thanks that Your mercy rescued Peter from his fall and Paul from his unbelief, turning them from enemies to Your friends by Your intervention. Rescue us from the perils of our sins and from our rebellious pride so that we may serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Christ be awaken in us! Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 9:1-9,17-22 (Saul, why do you persecute Me?)

Reader: But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"  
<sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?"

**People: And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.<sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."**

Reader: <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;<sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

**People: <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?"<sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 21:1–19*(After directing the disciples to a great catch of fish, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him.)

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. <sup>2</sup> Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

<sup>4</sup> At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was.<sup>5</sup> He called out, “Children, have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied. <sup>6</sup> Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.<sup>8</sup> The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore.<sup>9</sup> When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said.<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

<sup>12</sup> “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

**People:** “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

Reader: “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

**People:** “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

Reader: "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

<sup>17</sup> A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"  
Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said,

**People: "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."**

Reader: Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup> "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go."<sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

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.**

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

**MESSAGE** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*Easter Changes You*

*Christianity is more than a Message of Hope.  
It is a Ministry of Help, to stand among the people,  
proclaiming salvation in Christ and showing His love!*



## WELCOME OF THE CONFIRMANDS

**Lucille Cernava Adler**



**When Born and Where:** Seattle Washington, 5-24-2011

**Father's name:** Thomas Adler

**Mother's Maiden Name:** Jennifer Cernava

**Where Baptized:** Saint Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Hillside Middle School

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Northville High School

**Hobbies:** Reading, writing, drawing, swimming, dancing, crafting

**Future Occupation:** Writer

**Favorite Song:** 10,000 Reasons

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Psalm 31:14 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say,  
"You are my God."

## Matthew Jacob George



**When Born and Where:** Novi, Michigan, 10-29-2010

**Father's name:** Shibu George

**Mother's Maiden Name:** Shirley Jacob

**Where Baptized:** Detroit MT Church

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Plymouth Scholars

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** U of D Jesuit

**Hobbies:** Soccer, video games

**Future Occupation:** Programmer, Business

**Favorite Song:** The Lord's Prayer (Matthew Maher)

**Favorite Bible Verse:** John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

## Joshua Yuu Norton



**When Born and Where:** Ann Arbor, Michigan, 7-21-2011

**Father's name:** Thomas Norton

**Mother's Maiden Name:** Ai Amano

**Where Baptized:** Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Northville

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Novi Christian Academy

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Novi Christian Academy

**Hobbies:** Playing video games (Forza 4 Xbox 360)

**Future Occupation:** Highschool English Teacher, Japan or Translator

**Favorite Song:** Go tell it on the Mountain

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

## Jenna Elizabeth Raikes



**When Born and Where:** Livonia, Michigan, 4-16-2011

**Father's name:** Steven Raikes

**Mother's Maiden Name:** Melissa Roman

**Where Baptized:** Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Northville

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Holmes Middle School, Livonia, MI

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Stevenson High School, Livonia, MI

**Hobbies:** Girls Scouts, playing the flute, paddleboarding, basketball and softball

**Future Occupation:** Biomedical Engineer

**Favorite Song:** Every Praise

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

## Gabriel Pierce Ruth



**When Born and Where:** Wichita, Kansas, 1-27-2011

**Father's name:** Ronald Ruth

**Mother's Maiden Name:** Kimberly Mai

**Where Baptized:** Christ Our Savior, Livonia

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** St. Michaels Lutheran Wayne

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Detroit Catholic Central High School

**Hobbies:** Football and Basketball, riding bikes, hanging out with friends

**Future Occupation:** Professional Athlete

**Favorite Song:** Lords Prayer

**Favorite Bible Verse:** John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**COMMISSIONING of Barbara Hoffmeier** going on a

MOST Mission trip to Guatemala - May 10 - 17, 2025

## 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. Blessed Lord, You forgave Peter his betrayal and appointed him to feed Your sheep. Forgive our sins, restore us to Your service, and guide us to love as You love us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You turned Saul from an enemy of Your kingdom into Your servant and sent him as an apostle to the Gentiles. Turn our hearts from rebellion and resistance to Your Word and Spirit, and lead us to be bold witnesses of Your mercy in words and in deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You set apart pastors and teachers to feed Your sheep with the food of Your Word. Bless the president of our Synod and our Michigan District, give Your wisdom to all our future church workers and missionaries that their service may be fruitful and faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear. Bless all people according to their need with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: 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.**

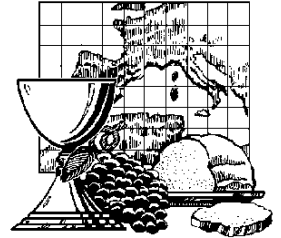
**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



## THE DISTRIBUTION

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. ++

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Confirmation Students Commune as a class)

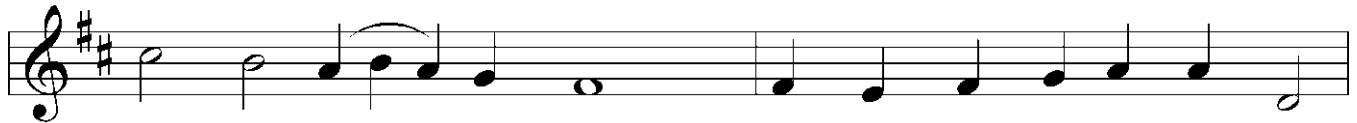
### Children of the Heavenly Father

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>Safely in His bosom gather;<br/>Nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>Such a refuge e'er was given.</p>                  | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>From the Lord His children sever;<br/>Unto them His grace He showeth,<br/>And their sorrows all He knoweth.</p> |
| <p>2 God His own doth tend and nourish;<br/>In His holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things He spares them;<br/>In His mighty arms He bears them.</p> | <p>4 Though He giveth or He taketh,<br/>God His children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>His the loving purpose solely<br/>To preserve them pure and holy.</p>        |

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

## 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

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus Christ, You have again welcomed us at Your Table of grace.  
We thank You for the ways in which You directly and lovingly come to us.  
Strengthen us in faith and in life that we may joyfully and confidently pass  
through our earthly days until at last we reach Your heavenly kingdom, where  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are worshiped and adored.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide with you, now and forever.

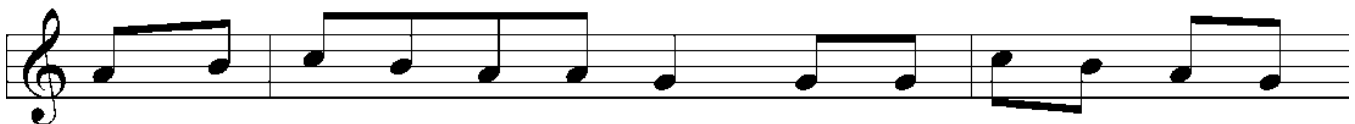
People: **Amen.**

**THE INVITATIONS****680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.



**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**

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Pastor               | Pastor Christopher Fairbairn                                 |
| Officiant            | Pastor Jim Frusti  |
| Minister of Music    | Paul Ventimiglia   |
| Family Life Director | Jeanette Koch  |
| Elder                | Will Hoffmeier   |
| Reader               | Mark Ernst   |
| Welcome Center       | Patrick Baker  |
| Ushers               | Gary Cash<br>Jeff Henning<br>Neale Hoener<br>Mike Williamson |
| Greeters             | Carole Crete and Paul Kemp                                   |
| Tech Team            | Nancy Berg   |
| Counters             | Dave Tischler<br>Jan Paver                                   |
| Altar Society        | Nancy Berg<br>Kara Patterson<br>Kellen Patterson             |
| Coffee Hour          | Kitchen Crew   |

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**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

**Attendance** Last week: 4.27.2025– Attendance – 8am – 102 + 11am - 62 =164

**Received** week of 4.27.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$6,790** total includes online giving School - **\$570.41**

**A memorial has been given in memory of Ruth Balko from the McGuigan Family.**

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Ed Fleming  
The Retreat of Northville  
47260 7 Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48167



*Altar Flowers*

*One vase in loving memory of my grandson, Jamie.*

*One vase in honor of my daughter Terri who has been fighting leukemia for 7+ years from Carole Crete.*

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

**Voters Meeting**

**Sunday – May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:45am- Church Parish Hall**

**The 2025 Michigan District Junior High Youth Gathering is for youth entering grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the fall of 2025**



**Keynote Speaker  
Rev. Tyler Cronkright**



**Worship | Music | Breakouts  
Fun | Games | & More!**

**Cost \$125**

**Junior High Gathering  
August 12–14, 2025 | Frankenmuth, Mich.  
[michigandistrict.org/jrhigh25](http://michigandistrict.org/jrhigh25)**

**for more info contact [Jeanette.familylife@stpaulnorthville.org](mailto:Jeanette.familylife@stpaulnorthville.org) or  
text 248-974-3323**

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| 4  | MAY, SUN | ● 8:30 – 9:30am  | Worship with Communion                   |
|    |          | ● 9:45 – 10:45am | Sunday School & Youth Bible Study        |
|    |          | ● 11am – 12pm    | Worship with Communion                   |
|    |          | ● 12:30 – 3:30pm | Drop in volleyball (6th grade and up)    |
|    |          | ● 7 – 9pm        | Adult pick up basketball school gym      |
| 5  | MAY, MON | ● 5 – 6pm        | Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge   |
|    |          | ● 6 – 7pm        | Board of Elders parish hall              |
|    |          | ● 6 – 7pm        | Board of Trustees classroom #3           |
| 6  | MAY, TUE | ● 5 – 8pm        | Family of God Dinner                     |
| 7  | MAY, WED | ● 9am – 6pm      | The Jane Dough Baking Co- Kitchen Rental |
|    |          | ● 9:30 – 11am    | Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall        |
|    |          | ● 3:45 – 5pm     | PTL MEETING                              |
| 8  | MAY, THU | ● 4:30 – 5:30pm  | Choir Practice                           |
|    |          | ● 5:45 – 7pm     | Handbell Practice                        |
| 9  | MAY, FRI | ● 7 – 9pm        | AA Mtg. church parish hall               |
| 10 | MAY, SAT | ● All day        | AUCTION SET UP/GYM (Day 1/7)             |



For the month of May, Women in Christ is honoring the LWML Mission Grant entitled New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) for \$18,000. The people of South Sudan are in need of the gospel, living in extreme poverty, civil war, famine, and disease, with average life expectancy of only 56 years. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan (ELCSS) has more than 200 congregations, but fewer than 80 pastors to serve them. Need for new pastors is great, as each pastor is responsible for preaching God's word to at least three congregations, often long distances apart. Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Macomb, MI, has partnered with ELCSS to establish a seminary, the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) to provide theological education for new pastors. These CLIHM seminarians come from extreme poverty and do not have funds to cover educational costs. This grant would support five South Sudan seminarians for one year, providing tuition, supplies, room and board. Please consider this great need when you fill your MITE box this month.

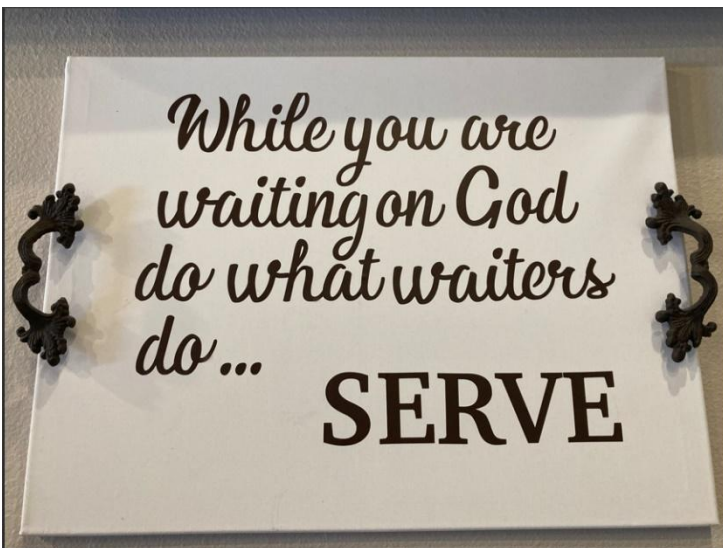
## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

In Stephen Ministry, members of our congregation are trained and equipped to meet once a week, one on one, with someone going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers provide a caring presence, a listening ear, and comforting words—supporting care receivers throughout their journey. People become Stephen Ministers to make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers walk alongside people going through life challenges like grief, divorce, a medical crisis, job loss, and more. They offer care, support, and encouragement, connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love during some of the hardest times in their lives. If you are interested in hearing more about becoming a Stephen Minister or feeling God's nudge, please let one of our Stephen Leaders know: Pastor Jim Frusti, Jeanette Koch, and Linda Johnson.

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**MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries** offers many kinds of mission trips for ages 12 and up. Perhaps your family would like to join a team this summer? **EYEGLOSS CLINICS - Team Number: 2512 - Dates: August 16-23, 2025 - Location: La Paz, Honduras - Estimated Cost: \$3,000 (depending on cost of airfare)** Team members are needed now! We hope to organize another congregational team in 2026. Any suggestions as to where or when? Contact Barbara Hoffmeier #248.756.3035 or Chris Burgess [chris.burgess917.com](http://chris.burgess917.com) for more information or go to the website for a schedule: [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org)

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During Holy week the **FAMILY OF GOD** mission was served a hot meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, buttered rolls, crunchy coleslaw, bananas, brownies and beverages on Wednesday, April 16th. We had a record of 140 plates and take out boxes distributed to the people in southwest Detroit that night. The servers were Chris & Dawn Englert, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier and Rich Mai. The Sonak family of six from Salem Lutheran - Westland joined us, as they have done before, so we had a full table of servers that helped the buffet go very well. We attended the worship service in the sanctuary afterward that focused on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. ***It was humbling to watch the washing of the feet by***

***Deacon John for several of their church members, recognizing that we are to serve one another as Christ served us.*** Many thanks to the cooks who prepared the meal: Nancy Crenshaw-Berg, Marilyn Edick, Sue Mai and the Hoffmeier's. The brownie bakers were Anne Burgess, Gretchen Hasse, Lindsay Pennington and Sue Poole. Thank you to Jan Faerber and Chris Henning for coordinating our brownie bakers for us every month. Chris also does our shopping for us at Gordon Food Service and Krogers. Also, thanks to John & Gretchen Hasse for contributing their Thrivent Action Team gift cards to cover our expenses. If there are other St Paul members that are members of Thrivent insurance you are eligible for \$500 a year to use as a charitable contribution. Please contact John Hasse or Barbara Hoffmeier for more information.

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

2025 Grant window is now open from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>; award notifications will be made by the end of



June 2025. Grant applications are available in the school office, on our website or via email. (Please email [vickifilipiak@yahoo.com](mailto:vickifilipiak@yahoo.com)) 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 was **\$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 support to our Endowment Fund.

# JUNE 15-19

## VBS

AGES-3YRS-5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 6TH GRADE AND OLDER

## ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REGISTRATION LINK:  
[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SPLTRUENORTH](https://vbspro.events/p/spltruenorth)

Starts June 15th  
@ 5:00pm with  
Fried Chicken  
dinner

June 16-19  
9am-NOON

ACTIVITIES:

- BIBLE STORIES
- GAMES
- MUSIC & FUN
- ARTS & CRAFTS

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NORTHVILLE, MI

## Lutheran Women in Mission – Wayne Oak Hills Zone

Mission Awareness – April 23, 2025

**LAMP - Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots is celebrating 55 years of cross-cultural ministry, sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada. Praise God for His blessings upon the men, women, and children who receive the Good News!**

**Did you know?** LAMP received one of their first grants from LWML. In the 1971-1973 biennial convention, LAMP received a \$40,000 grant to purchase an airplane to extend their services of establishing Sunday Schools, Bible classes, and adult instruction to the Christian people living in the sparsely-settled areas of Northern Canada.

**Fast forward to 2025!** Here's your opportunity to be a "goer" into the mission field in Northern Canada. Team formation is underway right now! St. Matthew Westland is NOW preparing a return trip to the mission field in July or August 2025. Will you join the team?

In July 2024, St. Matthew Westland commissioned a team of six to host VBS in the "fly-in" community of Muskrat Dam in Northern Ontario. After two days of driving together in a van as a team and a short, chartered flight over a myriad of lakes, we reached our community, ready to tackle whatever came our way. It was a rigorous and challenging adventure, but we witnessed how God met our every need...in ways we couldn't have imagined.

How can you support this ministry?

- Pray for willing missionaries to explore this opportunity to bless God's people living in a beautiful setting of Northern Canada.
- Pray for the children whose lives are impacted by suicide within their community.
- Support "goers" by assisting in VBS craft preparation.
- Learn more about this life-changing ministry by visiting <https://www.lampministry.org>
- Donate to send missionaries and pilots into the field to serve God's people.

**To learn more about this unique mission, contact 2025 Team Leader Bob Lockhart at [blockhart72@gmail.com](mailto:blockhart72@gmail.com) or phone 734-748-3425.**



**Top 2 winners will receive prizes**

# EUCHRE

Calling all Euchre fans to join us for  
A NIGHT OF FUN

**SATURDAY MAY 31**  
at ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Check-in: 5:30 PM  
Game starts 6:00 PM

**\$15 PER PERSON**  
**\$25 PER COUPLE**  
**\$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12**

Appetizers, Lemonade,  
Pop, Beer, & Wine

All proceeds benefits the youth going to  
New Orleans

For more information, please call 248-349-3146  
<https://forms.gle/YWothOrdDP6xFWsj9>

Barbara Hoffmeier will be leading a team of ten members from St Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, Michigan, May 10th through the 17th, with MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunity Short Term.) They will be conducting Eyeglass Clinics in two different locations during the week and hope to distribute about 1000 pairs of prescription glasses and sunglasses. The location is Amatitlan in the Western Highlands of Guatemala.

The BLOG to follow their

progress is: <https://guatemalateam2504missiontrip.blogspot.com/> You can send her a message at: [bhoffmeier3@gmail.com](mailto:bhoffmeier3@gmail.com) St Paul sent a team there in April of 2018 for a Construction Project and to teach Health and Hygiene classes. *Please keep Barbara and the team in your prayers for safety, good health, and many opportunities to share the Good News so they will "see" Jesus!*

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Spring has sprung! We sure could use your assistance in sprucing up the grounds on Saturday, May 31, 9am - 1pm, or any part thereof! Hotdogs for lunch. Bring your rake, trimmer, edger, gloves, and other outdoor tools you would like to use.

Just as your home yard needs attention after the winter, so your Church home needs some attention as well.

This is rated an "easy, entry level" project for those who would like to serve , but don't know where to begin helping out at your Church home.

Rain or shine, indoor or out-of-door, we will be ready with projects!

Contact Mark Faerber, Trustee if you have questions. 734 686 2100.



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[stpaulnorthville.org/auction](http://stpaulnorthville.org/auction)

2. or Scan the QR Code



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2. Amazon Wishlist  
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Add to Cart-Purchase  
 Your Item will be sent **Directly** to the school

**What:** School Auction *“Island Getaway”*

**When:** Saturday, May 17 @ 5:00 pm

**Where:** Island Oasis St. Paul School GYM



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May 12, 2025

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