

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

August 31, 2025



Imperative for Christian Living

AS WE GATHER

We like to think of ourselves as worthy of honor and respect. We would like to live as deserving of first-class treatment. But in today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to live humbly among people around us. Not only does He instruct us to humbly find the lowest seat, but when we do the inviting, He also cautions against expecting social payback. By ourselves, we would chafe under such limits, but our faith in the grace of God, coming to us through the sacrifice of Christ's blood on our behalf, moves us to rely on His undeserved favor. That frees us to hear those directives as descriptions of the sort of living by which we may return praise and honor to our Savior—life in first class, indeed!

Today we will be receiving the **Student Aid Offering** to help support our students going into full-time church work.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.</p> | <p>3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.</p> |
| <p>2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.</p> | <p>4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.</p> |

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 149:1–4*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✂ WORD ✂

948 All Glory Be to God Alone (All Glory Be to God Alone)

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM 131 A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.

³ Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Proverbs 25:2–10*

(The way of humility)

² It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is

unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a

vessel; ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be

established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or

stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be

put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring

into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,

¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 13:1–17*

(Sacrifices pleasing to God)

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for

thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison,

as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the

body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled,

for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of

money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor

forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:1–14*

(Jesus teaches about humble living)

14 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son^[a] or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Parable of the Great Banquet

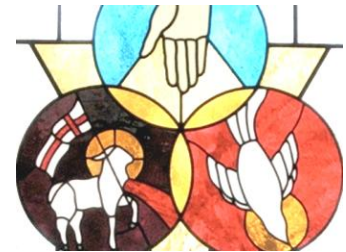
¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers^[b] or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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.



As we sing, we will gather the **Student Aid Offering** to support St. Paul students going into full-time church work.

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



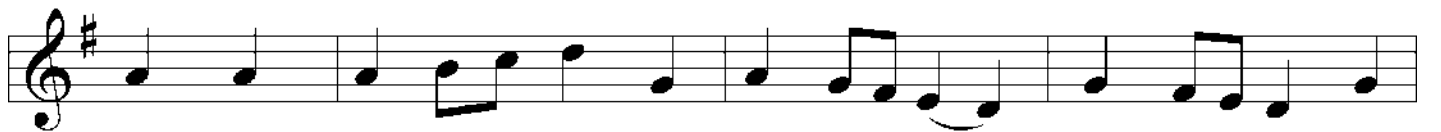
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. Let us pray for ourselves and for the church everywhere, that we may persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ.

For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm them in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, [*especially . . .*], and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:

People: Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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 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. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me de - part,
 2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
 3. Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's bos - om bear me home,



with ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth has no plea - sure I would share.
 in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
 that I may di en - fear - ing; And in its nar - row cham - ber keep



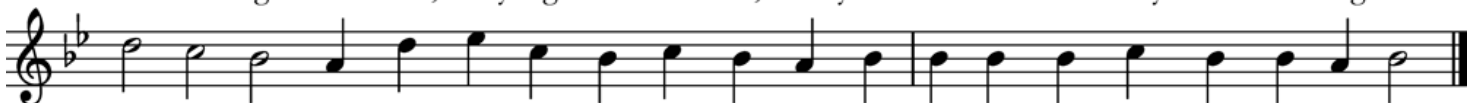
Yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 may glo - ri - fy Thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.
 my bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should me heart for sor-row break, my trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 And then from death a - wak - en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou are the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious blood my soul has bought.
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my cross and fol - low Thee.
 O Song of God, Thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior and my fount of grace.



Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, in death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 Lord, Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, in death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise Thee with - out end.

628 Your Table I Approach



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

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.

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

Worship Your holy name

The sun comes up,

it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass,

and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

Worship Your holy name

You're rich in love,,

and You're slow to anger

Your name is great

and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons

for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

Worship Your holy name

And on that day when my

strength is failing

The end draws near

and my time has come

Still my soul will sing

Your praise unending

Ten thousand years

and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

Worship Your holy name

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

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

795 Voices Raised to You We Offer



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the 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.

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
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	John Hasse
Greeter	Kemnitz Family
Welcome Center	Christine Lewis
Ushers	Gary Cash Jeff Henning Neale Hoener Mike Williamson
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Acolyte	Matthew Hibbard
Coffee Hour	Elders

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 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 8.24.2025– Attendance – 8am – 114+ 11am –50 = 164

Received week of 8.24.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$11,530** total includes online giving School - **\$200**

The McGuigan's donated to the music/organ repair fund in memory of Pat's son, Joshua's birthday August 27, 1977.

Altar Flowers

One vase in memory of Kathy Fox's 100th Birthday from Jan Paver.

One vase in appreciation of the Board of Trustees

for all they do to keep the church and school in good repair.

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

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Christina Rohn
Waltonwood #240
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377

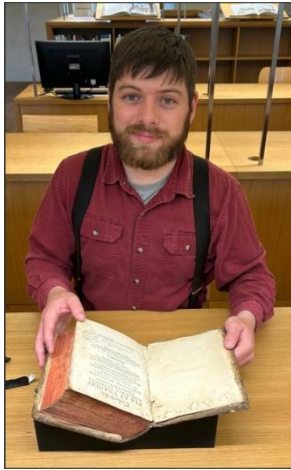
The FAMILY OF GOD MEAL on Wednesday, August 20th, was a big hit! We had about 90 people come but we made 120 servings, so many came back for seconds and even thirds. We took eight Chicken Tamale Casseroles with condiments, chips and salsa, brownies, bananas and beverages. Our servers were Mark Potter, Ernie Edick, Will and Barbara Hoffmeier. The David Sonak family from Salem Lutheran - Westland, joined us at the buffet line, which really helped out. Our cooks were Nancy Crenshaw-Berg, Marilyn Edick, Sue Mai and Barbara. Will also helped as we prepared the meat the day before. Sandy Hardies helped Barbara with the shopping and Nancy and Doug Berg made a trip to Randazzo's for our fruit. Our brownie bakers were Jan Faerber, Emily Edick (a 3rd grader), Lisa Fairbairn, Karen Frusti, Gretchen Hasse, Beth Hempel, and Sue Poole. *A special time of the evening was staying for the worship service with a small group and watching their interaction with Pastor Nick and Deacon John on the topic of 'forgiveness.'* *In a world of brokenness, and they all have their personal stories, God's love will sustain us and give us strength to forgive others and even ourselves.* Thank you for supporting this mission outreach, it's so important to our brothers and sisters in Christ you don't even know. You're welcome to join us Wednesday, September 17th. Please contact Barbara #248.756.3035 or Nancy #248.756.4031.

As we all head back from a beautiful summer and think about school and all the activities that start up with fall, let's remember this month's Women in Christ mission grant entitled Gospel Building for a Child's Future (Hands of Mercy) for \$14,500. This grant supports the students of Lutheran congregations which are supported by an expanded Hands of Mercy training center at Yambio, South Sudan. The grant enables the students to gain Bible literacy through using My First Catechism and includes workbooks and children's Bibles. The classrooms will be fitted for children's safety and improved learning environments and will have wooden desks and white boards. The Women in Christ graciously thank you for helping us fulfill our mission grants over the years.

Praise Rock Band (ALL ages) and Craft Time for Children

Kristen Goodman will lead arts, crafts and open gym time for children on alternate Sundays starting June 29, 2025 in Room 11 of the school, which is downstairs. If there is an adult who would like to play basketball, dodge ball or another game with the children on one of these Sundays, please see Mrs. Goodman - (248) 662-7580. Praise Rock Band will take place on alternate Sundays starting June 22, 2025 in Room 11 in the lower level of the school. This is open to ALL ages. We'll be playing beginner-level songs and will have available positions in piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, cowbell and vocals. Led by Jeni Huggins - please see her or text 248-787-0480 if you have any questions, or just show up. We will work toward offering a few songs to a small audience on a date in September to be determined. Sundays - Approximately 9:35 am - 10:55 am

August 31, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 11, lower level in school
September 7, 2025	Rally Day will be at Maybury State Park



WELCOME COLIN NASH

If you would like to write to our new adopted seminary student you can send mail and other encouragement to:

6333 North Rosebury, apt 2E
Clayton, Mo 63105
Or email him at:
nashcolin549@gmail.com

August 5 FOG



The summertime menu of Cheesy Chicken Pasta salad with was well received again. The salad makers were Beth & Chuck Hempel, Bill & Janet Kovalak, Julia Smith, Pat McGuigan, Gretchen Hasse, Kathleen McGall, Yolanda Martell and Claudia Williamson. The rolls were provided by Karen Frusti and Nancy Berg with butter from Janise Faerber. Kathy Baetz-Matthews supplied the chips and Sue Poole provided and cut the watermelon. Marti Gilchrist and Shelly Walldorff supplied the drinks and a variety of desserts were supplied by Anne Burgess, Rachel Kovich, Megan Kutz and Janise Faerber. There were about 90 servings including takeouts and seconds. Marci Treder prepared the paper products bag and when we were loading up prior to leaving for Detroit, the comment was made about how nice it is to have that ready to go. We

always appreciate Margo being our kitchen organizer the day the food comes in. Our servers were Julia Smith, Megan and Mya Kutz and Pat McGuigan with Julia driving. We particularly enjoyed serving with Mya as she is leaving soon to return to Michigan State for her senior year. Blessings to her and all our other young people starting or returning to college.

Our young friend was back, and we learned he is 12 and going into 8th grade this year. He likes to visit with us and helped take things back to the car when we were done. I think he likes the extra attention, and he loves chocolate milk. Pastor Nick from FOG was our guest Pastor this past Sunday and led Bible class. He mentioned the cultural diversity in that area of Detroit and at FOG. That was actually one of our memories from Tuesday. Julia mentioned all the languages being spoken (Spanish, Arabic, and a little German courtesy of Pastor Nick). I witnessed several situations where someone was acting as interpreter for another.

Pastor Alexander lead the memory verse and short devotion before seconds were served. The next date for the Tuesday meal is September 2. Watch for the SignUp Genius email and if you don't receive it let Sue Pool know so she can add you to the list.



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 7:00.pm 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.

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St Paul Lutheran Church Rally Day at Maybury State Park



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Service at 10:00 am

Pot luck lunch to follow

Maybury State Park main entrance is located on 8 mile, west of Beck. There is a \$19 entry fee if you do not have a license plate pass that you purchased along with your license plate renewal.

If you would like a ride to the park, please let Jeanette know and you will be met in the church parking lot about 9:15 am.

Follow signs to Oak Shelter. After parking it is a short walk on pavement to the Oak Shelter. There will be signs (and people) to help guide your way. There are restrooms located at the site.

Following the service there will be games for the children (and adults) and a pot luck lunch. Beverages will be provided. There are picnic tables for lunch located in a covered pavilion.

For those that are interested, a short hike will be offered following lunch. You may wish to explore this beautiful state treasure in our own back yard.

Things you may want to bring:

Lawn chair

Walking shoes for a hike

If you are bringing food, please make sure it is covered and in a serving dish. Please bring a utensil for serving. There is electricity. Cold dishes are preferred.

We look forward to worshipping our God in nature's beauty. Come join us for worship, prayer, fellowship, and good food.

Contact Jeanette with questions.



St. Paul Bible Quizzing - Kids & Adult Volunteers Needed!

This year we'll be learning Paul's letters of 1&2 Corinthians. Kids in 2nd-12th grade are welcome to join. Membership at St. Paul is not required. All experience levels welcome (no prior Bible knowledge required!). Practices will be in the church Parish Hall on Tuesdays @ 6:45PM (2nd-6th grade) or @ 7PM (7th-12th grade), starting August 26. Competitions are 2nd Saturdays from October to March.

Adult volunteers are also needed! No knowledge of the material or Bible Quizzing rules is required. We just need lots of helpers who are good with kids to help at 1 practice each week and monthly competitions!

Interested in quizzing or volunteering? Talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684>.



Can you HELP a STUDENT looking to Rent a Room for only 2 Weeks

There is a unique opportunity for helping future doctors in our area. Medical students that have completed school need to do an audition for a residency spot at local hospitals and need a place to rent as to have a place to sleep & study. Currently, there is an ENT student that needs a place to stay in the Novi area for 2 weeks (10/11/25-10/25/25). They will be driving to Providence in Novi.

Students are happy to pay with the expectation for a bedroom, bathroom & access to store/prepare food. Call the church office or talk with Pastor Fairbairn if you are interested.

