

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2025

11:00am



Profit without the Pitfalls

AS WE GATHER

Though it sounds like a contradiction, the “poor rich man” in today’s parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God’s prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the “great gain” (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, “The **love of** money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only “money is the root of all evil.” Money is not the problem. There’s no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian’s true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death.

Pre-Service Music / Assorted selections from Composer Margery Selden

Ann Lemke / Oboe - Annabel Lemke / Violin

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*Music of Margery Stomne Selden ***

One Deity We Worship / We feel Your Love / Thankful We Are / Peace Among Earth's Peoples

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Praise (the Lord, oh my soul)

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.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–3; Amos 6:1, 4, 6*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: As the Lord's prophet Amos spoke to the people of Israel, so His Word speaks to us today: "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion. Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!"

Together we confess our sins:

People: Gracious and ever-providing Lord, we are by nature sinful. We are often complacent and filled with apathy in our worship and prayers. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, and renew our spirits, that we may obey You and serve our neighbors with joy and gladness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 119:73–75, 77*

People: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

Pastor: Your hands have made and fashioned me;
 give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.
 Those who fear You shall see me | and rejoice,
 because I have hoped | in Your word.
 I know, O Lord, that Your just decrees are righteous,
 and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
 Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;
 for Your law is my delight.

**People: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 6:1–7* (Words of warning for people who remove God from their lives in complacency)

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

I'm So Blessed

Trouble knocking at my door today.
 I ain't gonna let it in.
 Worry wanna steal my joy away.
 I ain't gonna let it win.

On my best day I'm a child of God.
 On my worst day I'm a child of God.
 Oh, every day is a good day.
 You're the reason why.

I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
 Got this heartbeat in my chest.
 No, it doesn't matter about the rest.
 If I got You, Lord, I'm so blessed.

Verse 2

When I count the problems that I see,
 Hope looks all but gone.
 But when I count the ways You're good to me,
 You got me counting all day long.

I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
 Got this heartbeat in my chest.
 No, it doesn't matter about the rest.
 If I got You, Lord, I'm so blessed. (2x)
 On my best day I'm a child of God.
 On my worst day I'm a child of God.

Oh, every day is a good day.
 You're the reason why. (2X)
 I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
 Got this heartbeat in my chest.
 No, it doesn't matter about the rest.
 If I got You, Lord, I'm so blessed. (2x)

On my best day I'm a child of God.
 On my worst day I'm a child of God.
 Oh, every day is a good day.

You're the reason why. (2X)

I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
 Got this heartbeat in my chest.
 No, it doesn't matter about the rest.
 If I got You, Lord, I'm so blessed.

No, it doesn't matter about the rest.
 If I got You, Lord, I'm so blessed.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

(Godliness with contentment)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:19-31*

(The rich man and Lazarus.)

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Rise Up

In the dark and all alone,
Growing comfortable.
Are you too scared to move
And walk out of this tomb?

Buried underneath the lies that you
believed,
Safe and sound, stuck in the ground,
Too lost to be found.

You're just asleep
And it's time to leave.

Come on and rise up,
Take a breath, you're alive now.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us,
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

You're brand new,
The power of death couldn't hold you.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us,
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus!

Verse 2

When he said your name
the thing that filled your veins
was more than blood.
It's the kind of love that washes sin away.

Now the door is open wide,
And the stone's been rolled aside.
The old is gone, the light has come.

So come on and rise up.
Take a breath, you're alive now.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us,
Out from the grave like Lazarus?
You're brand new,
The power of death couldn't hold you.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us,
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus?
Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Bridge

He's calling us to walk out of the dark.
He's giving us new resurrected hearts.
He's calling us to walk out of the dark.
He's giving us new resurrected hearts.

Chorus

Come on and rise up.
Take a breath, you're alive now.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us,
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

You're brand new,
The power of death couldn't hold you.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us,
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus?
Rise up / Rise up / Rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**THE APOSTLES CREED / I Believe**

I believe there is one salvation,
 One doorway that leads to life.
 One redemption, one confession,
 I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion.
 By His blood, I have been set free.
 I believe in the resurrection.
 Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat.

Chorus

All praise to God, the Father,
 All praise to Christ, the Son.
 All praise to the Holy Spirit,
 Our God has overcome.
 The King who was and is and evermore
 will be.
 In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.

Verse 3

I believe in the hope of heaven,
 He's preparing a place for me.
 Far beyond what hearts imagine,
 Ears have heard or eyes have seen.

Verse 4

I believe that day is coming,
 He's returning to claim His bride.
 Light the altar, keep it burning,
 See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.

Chorus

All praise to God, the Father,
 All praise to Christ, the Son.
 All praise to the Holy Spirit,
 Our God has overcome.
 The King who was and is and evermore
 will be.
 In Jesus' mighty name I believe.

Bridge

No, I'll never be ashamed
 Of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How could I ever walk away
 From the One who saved my life? (3x)

Chorus

All praise to God, our Father,
 All praise to Christ, the Son.
 All praise to the Holy Spirit,
 Our God has overcome.
 The King who was and is and evermore
 will be.
 In Jesus' mighty name, I believe. (2x)

... In Jesus' mighty name, I believe

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting. Grant to Your whole church the strength and peace of unity in the faith and proclamation of Your pure Word, that all people may know Your true glory of salvation from sin and the gift of redemption and eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: To You all angels cry aloud, the glorious company of the apostles praise You, the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You, and the noble army of martyrs praise You. We pray You include us as those who acknowledge You now by faith that we may be received into their fellowship not by our merits but solely because of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You are the King of glory, O Christ, the everlasting Son of the Father. By Your death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant Your saving Gospel to be proclaimed throughout the world to the salvation of many. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Each day of our lives, O God, keep us mindful of the riches of Your grace that we may know the contentment of Your heavenly treasures and not be distracted by temptations of worldly wealth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, we pray for all who are in any need, for those who need the grace of Your help and healing, those who are in trouble, those who doubt Your kindness, those who fear death, and all who are sick or injured, especially those who have requested our prayers. [*Pause for silent prayer.*] Be their help, healing, and salvation. 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 Your Son, 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.

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

Lead On Good Shepherd

Verse 1

Well, I've been turned 'round,
But I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled,
But we walked across.

When my knees were shaking,
You held my hand,
Turning my problems
To a promised land.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons,
That You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains
That just up and moved.
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Yeah, that's my song.
Walking with my Father
Into the great unknown.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,
Lead me on, Lord, I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith,
Lead on, Good Shepherd.(2x)

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,
Lead me on, Lord, I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith,
Lead on, Good Shepherd (2x)

Ending

Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good
Shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good
Shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

POSTLUDE: Gigue in G minor by GP Telemann*Ann Lemke / Oboe**Annabel Lemke / Violin*

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/Officiant
 Officiant
 Music Director
 Family Life
 Elder

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
 Pastor Jim Frusti
 Paul Ventimiglia
 Jeanette Koch
 Mark Potter

Guest Musicians

Ann Lemke / Oboe
 Annabel Lemke / Violin

** Margery Stomne Selden (September 5, 1925 – September 15, 2022) was a remarkable woman of many talents who had a long and productive life as a pianist, piano teacher, composer, musicologist, church organist, choir director, and university professor. She composed the words and music to the hymns we play as prelude today, as this year marks the 100th anniversary of her birth. She served as a Professor of Music at Wayne State University for 14 years as well as at smaller colleges. In her later years, she was organist and choir director at St Michael Lutheran Church in Portage, MI. .

St Paul's Choral Ensemble

Lisa Fairbairn
 Cheryl Bailey
 Nancy Berg -
 Crenshaw
 Anne Burgess
 Chris Burgess
 John Hasse
 Barbara
 Hoffmeier
 Will Hoffmeier
 Linda Johnson
 Rich Johnson
 Chris Englert
 Sue Roman
 Jeff Shapiro
 Justin Dotson
 Krauter Family
 Patrick Baker

Greeter
 Welcome Center

Ushers

Christian Krauter
 Lenny Elliott

Tech Team

James Nordbeck

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

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: 9.21.2025– Attendance – 8:30am –105 + 11:00am – 45 = 150

Communion - 121

Received week of 9.21.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$11,533** total includes online giving School - **\$439.25**

Altar Flowers

One vase in memory of Russ Kelly’s birthday from his wife Ann.

One vase in appreciation of Pastor Chris and Lisa Fairbairn for all they do around the church from Doug and Nancy Berg.

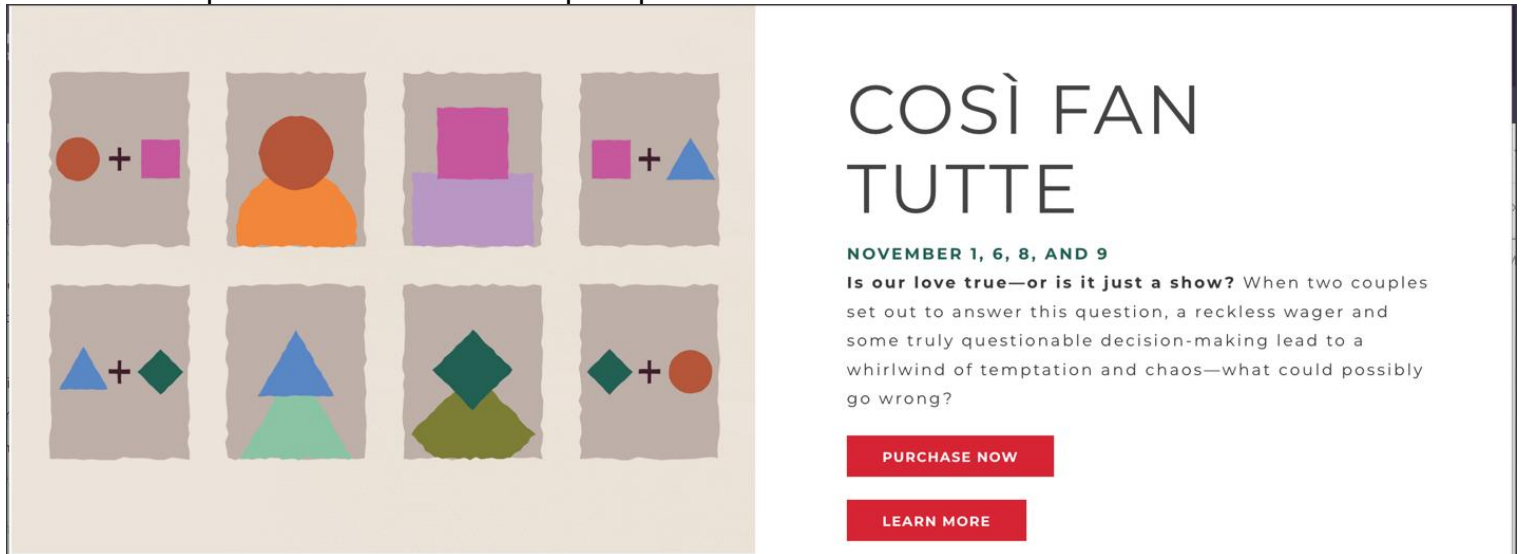
Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Marlene Shoebridge
303 Pennell
Northville, MI 48167

28	SEP, 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
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
30	SEP, TUE	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 5:45 – 6:45pm	Little League BQ Practice - Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	JV/Varsity BQ Practice - Parish Hall
1	OCT, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
2	OCT, THU	● All day	NO SCHOOL-TEACHERS CONFERENCE (Day 1/2)
		● All day	Teachers Conference NO SCHOOL (Day 1/2)
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
3	OCT, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL-TEACHERS CONFERENCE (Day 2/2)
		● All day	Teachers Conference NO SCHOOL (Day 2/2)
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. School Kitchen
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
4	OCT, SAT	● All day	Men’s Bible Study Parish Hall
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. School Kitchen

In November, Kylie Kreucher (member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church) will make her professional debut as the lead soprano in the Minnesota Opera production of Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte*.



COSÌ FAN TUTTE

NOVEMBER 1, 6, 8, AND 9

Is our love true—or is it just a show? When two couples set out to answer this question, a reckless wager and some truly questionable decision-making lead to a whirlwind of temptation and chaos—what could possibly go wrong?

PURCHASE NOW

LEARN MORE

Tickets can be purchased at mnopera.org. Use code FAIRBOGO - buy one get one free.



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

Our grant window is now open through November 14th for the second half of 2025, and we have \$2575 in grant dollars remaining. Please contact the church office for an application. St. Paul's Endowment Fund 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 \$13,750 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
- \$2000 Church sign refurbishment project (2025)
- \$250 Bible Quizzers (2025)

Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to donate to our Endowment Fund.

Be part of the St. Paul group in support of AWPC at the Fall Banquet



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Another Way
Pregnancy Center

presents its 2025 Fall Banquet

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A Story of Life and Hope



Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Italian American Banquet Center
39200 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Rebekah Hagan

Rebekah's powerful story of reversing a chemical abortion and choosing life for her son is a testament to courage and redemption.

St. Paul has 3 tables reserved so we can sit together. The tickets are \$50 until October 1. If you reserve through McGuigans you can avoid the service charge and we will add you to our list. We are ready to take reservations. If you are paying by check, write the check out to Pat McGuigan (not AWPC) for \$50 per ticket or pay cash and your meal choice of either chicken or vegetarian. Questions contact Bob @ 734-751-3018 or Pat @ 734-718-8597.



The Board of Social Ministry will be sending Care Packages to college students again this year. Please submit your students name and address to ckoch2rn@gmail.com by September 29th. Any questions contact Charleen Hill – 248-982-3330.

Another MOST eyeglass mission trip is currently being planned for April 11-18 2026 at a mission church in the town of Pasaquina in El Salvador. MOST has only recently established a presence in El Salvador, and we are excited to be among the first MOST missions to that country. We are establishing an email contact list for anyone who would like to be kept informed as we go forward with the planning. The list is not only for “goers”, people considering going on the trip, but also for “senders”, people who might want to be involved with supporting the team with fundraisers, etc. There is no commitment so if you would like to be kept informed, please forward your email address to Chris Burgess at chris.burgess917@gmail.com.

We have an exciting opportunity to help fund the 2026 MOST eyeglass mission trip. Some very generous members of our St. Paul family have offered the rental of their 2 bedroom 2 bath condo at the Sands of Kahana Resort in Maui, Hawaii over Thanksgiving week (Nov 21-28). The rent will be donated in support of our April mission trip. The condo sleeps 6 and would be a wonderful way to spend a family Thanksgiving holiday in beautiful Hawaii! Here is the Sands of Kahana website: <https://www.sandsofkahanaresort.com>. For more information, please contact Barbara Hoffmeier bhoffmeier3@gmail.com.

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.



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>.



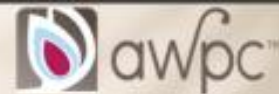
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Thank You for
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Baby Bottle Drive!

Thanks to your generous hearts, **\$2,712** was raised in the Baby Bottle Drive to support Another Way Pregnancy Center. Your gifts help extend Christ's love to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering hope, healing, and life-affirming care.

**"Let all that you do be done in love."
— 1 Corinthians 16:14**

Thank you for being a part of this life-affirming mission!

Sunday School - Sunday School classes for children in grades PreK – 6th grade begin on Sunday, September 14, 2025, and are held from 9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in Room 5 in the school. If you have any questions about Sunday School class, please see Mrs. Goodman - (248) 662-7580. If you have any questions about praise music for children at St. Paul church, please see Mrs. Huggins – (248) 787-0480. Confirmation class is for those in grades 7 – 8 and is held in Room 3 in the school starting at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please see Jeanette Koch or Pastor Chris. The High School Sunday Morning Class (grades 9-12) will begin meeting (in our new room #13 located in the lower level of the school.) next Sunday September 21 @9:45am. Come check out our new space!

Help Continue the Legacy of St Paul's Lutheran School for Generations to Come

Our St. Paul's family would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support of our school over the years... We sadly are faced with the possibility of our precious preschool being closed due to low enrollment. This would be important for the future of our school. With the help of your generous donations and a leap of faith, we are asking to share this GoFundMe link and QR Code with all your friends, family and even employers.



The proceeds of this GoFundMe will be offsetting the deficit of this MAP year and providing the preschool with the ability to continue to enroll students and support its devoted staff. We already have children attending the preschool program and are continuing to receive in-person tour requests as well as submissions to our online enrollment portal.

We are hoping to enroll students and reach this goal by November 21st of 2025.

* In the event we do not reach our goal of \$50,000 all donors will be given the option to be refunded or have their donation go towards supporting our K-8 program.

Please pray for our school... We love our children and want them to continue to grow in their faith and love of Jesus.



Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2

GRADES 5TH TO 12TH GRADE



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SATURDAY
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2:30-6:00

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ALL MISSIONS ARE IN NORTHVILLE

Ladies, we would like to invite you to attend our Lutheran Women in Mission Fall Rally, October 25, 2025. We will be at St Michael in Wayne, registration begins at 9:00 and the rally begins at 9:30. We invited Rita Carioti, she is the founder of "We Are Plarners". Margo uses her plastic crocheted mats for her blessing bags. There will be a business meeting to follow, you are welcome to stay or leave after the speaker. We will have snacks all morning. The ingathering is small clothes 0-6 months, diapers (especially 3-6) and wipes for the Swaddling Clothes Ministry at St. Michael. If you would like, you can bring a few plastic bags, scissors and a ruler to try to make the plarn (plastic yarn). They use a special 'Q' crochet hook but we will not be doing that at our rally. She will have some available for purchase at \$3.00 if you want. Contact Nancy Berg or Sue Poole if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.



Surviving the Holidays seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death will be held Saturday, November 1, from 9:00am-12:00pm at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia). The seminar features practical suggestions and encouragement through video interviews with counselors, grief experts, & other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, & where to find comfort & strength. Please RSVP by Oct. 26 online (<https://www.griefshare.org/events/262273>) or with Josh Kittleman (586-453-9399 or joshk@christoursavior.org).