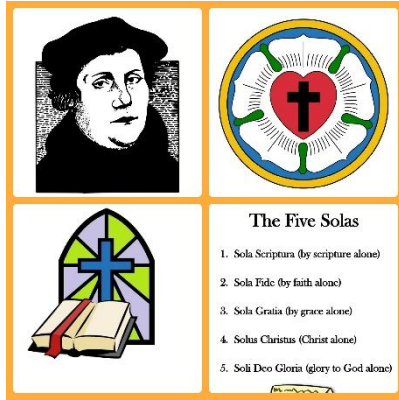


REFORMATION SUNDAY

11:00am
October 25, 2026



Made Free Indeed

AS WE GATHER

Does it ever feel like things are falling apart all around you? The writer of today's psalm, Psalm 46, sure did! He speaks of mountains being moved, waters roaring, nations raging, and kingdoms tottering. Yet, in even in the midst of these life-shaking events, he's confident that one thing remains unmoved—the Lord. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). The same God is your refuge, too.

On this day when we observe and celebrate the Reformation, our readings point us to remember the struggles and eventual insights of Martin Luther. God used these struggles and insights of one man in Germany to reshape the Church and let the true Gospel resound all over the world. Luther struggled as a young monk and professor because he had been taught that he, by his works of righteousness, might possibly then qualify to be loved by God. This teaching caused him nearly to despair entirely. But then he read Romans 3:23–24: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are **justified by His grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Struck by God's Word here, Luther recognized that it is Christ's work of righteousness—His dying and rising for sinners like Luther—that saves. Today is a celebration of what Christ has done for sinners like Luther and us.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

	
All	1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
Women	2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
Men	3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -
All	4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

	
	to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
	ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
	vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
	fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons

	
	va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
	self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
	o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
	of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,

	
	work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
	hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
	we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
	child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They

	
	arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
	on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
	judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
	can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!



INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,

People: **a very present help in trouble.**

Pastor: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

People: **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam,

People: **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

People: **and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**



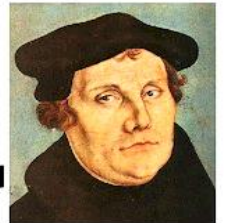
Upon a door at Wittenberg
the sound of banging could be heard,
a theses hung for all to read,
from Luther's hand compelled by need.
Priest and Pope did hate his words,
The Wild Boar, his name now heard.
Reformation has begun,
and to this day still held by some.

Pastor: God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.

People: **Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.**

Marlin
Luther

"...but the just shall
live by his faith."



Pastor: "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Where Would I Be

Verse 1

Standing where I stand now
I know that He's the reason
I almost can't believe it

Every wrong turn He turned around
And I can just imagine
If it didn't happen
How it happened

Oo seeing how good He's been to me
Oo oh I can't help but think

Chorus

Where would I be if I didn't have Jesus
Pulling me outta that grave
Where would I be if I didn't have mercy
Pulling me away from my ways

I'd probably crash and burn
Stay stuck down in that dirt
Like a prodigal running from home
Where would I be if I didn't have Jesus

Thank God thank God
Thank God I'll never know

Verse 2

I used to feel the weight
Of the chains that I was holding
'Til my Savior came and broke 'em

I used to walk with shame
I was living at a loss
'Til He settled up my cost
At the cross

Oo giving His life so I could live
Oo didn't leave me where I've been

Chorus

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I'd probably crash and burn
Stay stuck down in that dirt
Like a prodigal running from home
Where would I be if I didn't have Jesus

Thank God thank God
Thank God I'll never know

Whoa --- Thank God I'll never know
Whoa --- Thank God I'll never know

Psalm 46 (*God is our refuge and strength.*)

All: **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Men: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Women: *though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

Men: **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.**

Women: *The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters His voice, the earth melts.*

All: **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Men: **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Women: *Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how He has brought desolations on the earth.*

Pastor: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.

Men: **"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"**

Women: *The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

All: **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God,

People: **we are the clay, You are the potter.**

Pastor: Form the Church as the place where Your gracious gifts find full expression.

People: **Form us into people who receive Your gracious gifts by faith.**

Pastor: Let Your mercy flow to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

People: **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Alive

I was dead in my transgressions,
Wandering in sin.

I went searching for redemption
Down a road that had no end.
I was walking through the fire,
I was living on the run.
With my flesh lost in desire,
I was drowning in the flood.

Chorus

But God, rich in mercy,
You came to save me.
Now, I'm alive.
But God, strong and mighty,
You reached down for me,
So I could rise.
Now, I'm alive.

Verse 2

I am far from being perfect;
There are days that I regret.
On this battlefield I struggle
With the lies that I have lived.
I have fallen short of glory;
I can't make it on my own.

If You kept record of my past,
I'd be sinking like a stone.

Chorus

But God, rich in mercy,
You came to save me.
Now I'm alive.
But God, strong and mighty,
You reached down for me,
So I could rise.

Bridge

Now, I'm breathing in, I'm breathing
out.
I was in the grave, but God, you called
me out.
Now, I'm breathing in, I'm breathing
out.
I was in the grave, but God you called
me out.

But God, rich in mercy,
You came to save me.
Now, I'm alive.
But God, strong and mighty,
You reached down for me,
So I could rise.
Now I'm alive.

FIRST READING Revelation 14:6–7 (*An angel with an eternal gospel*)

Reader: ⁶ And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷ “Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 3:19–28 (“We are justified by His grace as a gift.”)

¹⁹ Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Christ Took Our Punishment

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

GOSPEL *John 8:31–36* ("If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.")

Reader: So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

People: **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."**

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



LUTHER PREACHING AT WARTBURG

From the painting by Hugo Vogel

KING OF KINGS

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
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MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**I Believe / (Apostles Creed)**

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: As we celebrate the Reformation, we pray with prayers and collects written by the reformer, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther.

Almighty God, who is the protector of all who trust in You, without whose grace no one is able to do anything, or to stand before You: Grant us richly Your mercy, that by Your holy inspiration we may think what is right and by Your power perform the same. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, who creates holy desire, good counsel, and right works: Give to Your servants peace which the world cannot give so that our hearts may cling to Your commandments, and that by Your protection we may live our days quietly and secure from our enemies. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Lord God Almighty, who does not disdain the sighs of the forlorn nor scorn the longing of troubled hearts: Behold our prayer which we bring before You in our need and graciously hear us, so that all which strives against us of both the devil and men may come to naught and be scattered by Your good counsel. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Dear Lord God, awaken us so that when Your Son comes we may be prepared to receive Him with joy and to serve You with clean hearts. The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: Lord God, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, confident that for the sake of Jesus, You hear and answer.

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 (It's Yours)

Verse

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.

Chorus

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.

Verse

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.

Bridge

It's yours, it's yours,
 All yours, all yours.
 The kingdom, the power,
 The glory are yours.

It's yours, it's yours,
 All yours, all yours.
 Forever and ever
 The kingdom is yours.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord has wiped our slates clean. In Him we know true freedom!

Let us go forth into the world with His blessing. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the ✠ fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

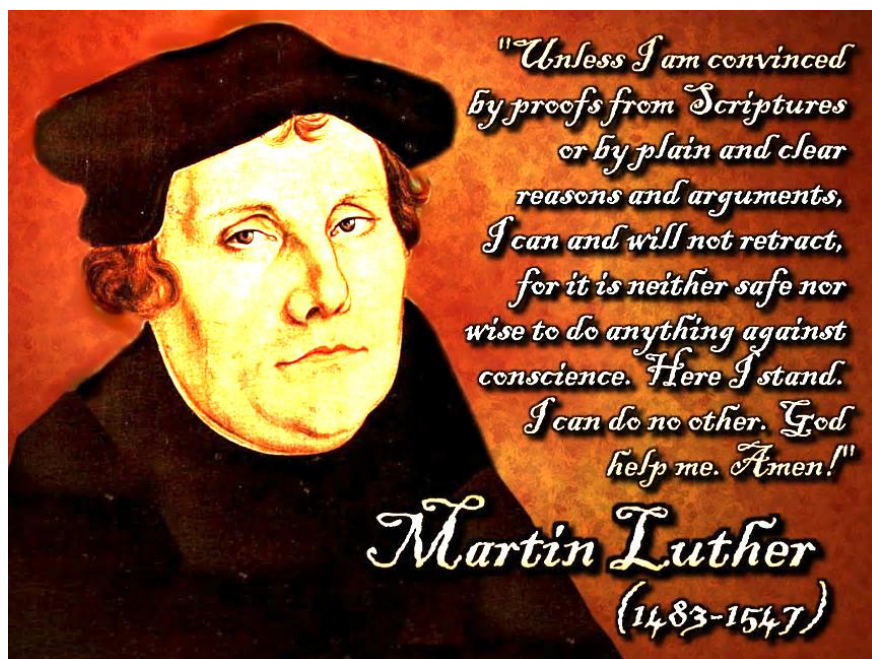
People: **Lord Jesus, You are my Lord and King! I stand on Your Word alone. Amen.**

INVITATIONS



REFORMATION - John 8:31-36 (Oct. 31)

"Regardless of how terrified the Christian is by the Law and how much he acknowledges his sin, he does not despair; for he believes in Christ into whom he has been baptized and through whom he has the forgiveness of sins." LW 26:447



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)
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You're the reason why. (2X)

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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.



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



If you are interested in **JOINING our ST. PAUL FAMILY** through our Newcomer's Group where we review the Christian faith, please call the church office.

WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant
 Music Director
 Family Life
 Elder

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
 Paul Ventimiglia
 Jeanette Koch
 George Foor

Guest Musicians

Charlie Miller/Trumpet
 Anthony Stanco/Trumpet
 Larry Fratangelo/Percussion

Praise Team

Kurt Menhart
 Hannah Hughes
 Sarah Hughes
 Chris Englert
 Linda Johnson
 Alexandra Vago (Bass Gtr)

Welcome Center

Patrick Baker

Greeter

Greulich Family

Tech Team

James Nordbeck

Acolyte

Gabriel Robinson

Ushers

Lenny Elliott
 Matt Babic

Reader

Tim Waun

Counters

Melissa Raikes
 Dennis Verseman
 Kathy Verseman

25	OCT, 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 - check notes for availability school gym
26	OCT, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
27	OCT, TUE	● 12 – 1pm	Meeting - Ladies Lounge, Church
28	OCT, WED	● 9 – 10am	Yolanda M. - room 13 school
		● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study- Parish Hall
29	OCT, THU	● All day	1/2 DAY-P/T Conferences
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
30	OCT, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL-P/T Conferences Continued
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
		● 9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental gym
31	OCT, SAT	● 9 – 11am	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall



Remember Our Homebound

Jean Pichan
 Northville Pointe Senior Living
 40405 6 Mile Rd.
 Northville, MI 48168

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



*Two vases in honor of the birthday of their father
Chris from Jacob, Emily and Joe Fairbairn.*

Attendance Last week: 10.18.2026— Attendance – 8:30am - 106 + 11am - 109 = 215
Communion - 153

Received week of 10.18.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **13,010** total includes online giving
School - \$7,903.17



The newest members to our St. Paul family are **Darin and Brenda Hasse** and their two sons **Peter** (21) and **Christian** (13). They transferred from Zion Lutheran in Petoskey and are now living in South Lyon.

Brenda majored in Computer Science and has a Bachelor of Business/Health Care. Brenda works as a medical biller. Her hobbies are photography, electronics, cooking, reading, computers and crafts. She would like to serve working with children and youth groups and has volunteered on Boards of Education and Evangelism.

Darin majored in Mechanical Engineering. His hobbies are computers, reading and electronics. He has served as an usher.

Peter completed an Associates Degree at Northern Central Michigan University and has a Medical Assisting Certificate.

Christian is in 7th grade and is attending Confirmation Class at St. Paul. He started his education here at St. Paul in Preschool and Kindergarten.

Romans 15:7 - "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you."

November 7—Craft & Vendor Fair

Support the youth at Christ Our Savior by shopping the Annual Craft and Vendor Show! The show will be held at our church on Sat, Nov 7, from 10am to 3pm. A \$2 entry fee supports our youth ministry and gives you access to awesome local crafters, home party vendors, youth bake sale, door prizes, treasure map prizes, hot lunch and concessions. Start your holiday shopping here! Questions? Email youth@choursavior.org

Mrs. Alyssa Knock

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. – Jeremiah 17:7

Communications Coordinator at [Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church](#)

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WHAT: St. Paul Annual Trunk 'n Treat

WHEN: October 31 (6 pm – 8 pm)

WHERE: St. Paul Parking Lot and Church Parish Hall

WHAT: Trunks, candy, hot dogs, cider and free parking

Let's welcome our Northville neighbors and show them a good time with free parking as a bonus for the community.



The DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS are having their fall concerts soon that you won't want to miss! The 40 voice choir will perform "An American Sampler" with selections of sacred choral music by American composers in honor of the U.S.A. 250th celebration. Tickets are available at the door or from Barbara Hoffmeier (who has sung with the group for 50 years this year!) Saturday, October 24, 2026 7:00 PM - Church of the Divine Child - 1055 North Silvery

Lane, Dearborn, MI – and Sunday, October 25, 2026 3:00 PM
Holy Cross Lutheran Church - 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI

Christ Our Savior – Livonia – 734-522-6830 November 19—Forever Young: Winter at the Train Station

Get ready for the holiday season at the historic Detroit Train Station! Forever Young is organizing a trip for \$70/person, which includes a guided tour provided by Detroit Historical Tours, family-style lunch at Roman Village Cucina Italiana (9924 Dix Ave, Dearborn), and round-trip bus transportation from **Christ Our Savior** parking lot. The bus will depart at 9am sharp. A signup sheet to reserve and confirm your participation is located at the Forever Young table in the **COS narthex**. Payment due by Nov 8 in designated envelopes delivered to **COS Office**, to Sunday Worship Offering Plate **at COS**, or to Linda Waara. We have 47 open spots!

There was a healthy turnout at FOG on the first Tuesday of October (6th). It was a lovely evening with sunshine and warm weather. The featured entree was a chicken pasta dish. The big hit, however, was the brownies, chocolate chip cookies and Oreo's. The kids were crazy for the brownies and they were gone first. One gentleman came to the table five times asking for more cookies. Clearly he had come to the right place for his sweet tooth needs. Pastor Nick provided a lesson on the importance of family and how love for family must be a priority in our lives. This topic is particularly meaningful for Pastor Nick as he is an 'in love' new father. All but two casseroles were consumed. We left the remaining casseroles in the kitchen for any late comers or next day meals. Thanks to everyone who provided a donation. This mission means so much to the children and adults who visit the church seeking a nutritious meal. The next Tuesday night meal for FOG is Nov. 3 (our church also provides a Wednesday meal, October 21st). Watch for the sign up Genius, if you didn't get it this month, it may have ended up in your spam. I am hearing Sign Up Genius and other things (such as attachments, or links) may be issues with Micro-Soft and AI. I welcome people who may know and could give me some direction.



Young Adults: Christmas at the Zoo! 🎄

Join us for a group night at Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo this December! Scan the QR code to let us know you're interested and pick the dates that work for you. More details to come!

♥ \$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” — Proverbs 22:6

Our Lutheran school is more than a place of learning—it is a ministry where children grow in **faith, knowledge, and love for Jesus Christ**. We invite our congregation and school families to prayerfully participate in our **\$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser**.

Simply choose an envelope with the amount you would like to give, place your gift inside, and return it to the designated collection area. **Every envelope represents an investment in the lives and faith of our children.**

Whether you are able to give **\$1, \$25, \$100, \$250, or another amount**, your generosity helps provide a Christ-centered education and supports the teachers and ministry of our school.

Together, we can help nurture the next generation of faithful Christian leaders.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support of our Lutheran school ministry's



BLAZE ~ 2027 Bible-in-a-Year Reading Group

Have you ever read through the whole Bible? Join St. Paul in our new group called “BLAZE”, where we will read through the whole Bible together in 1 year. We have a daily reading schedule that you can do on your own or with family or friends, and we'll meet together on **2nd & 4th Tuesdays (starting Jan 12) @ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall**. The reading plan starts **January 1, 2027**, so be sure to get the reading schedule before then! To join the

email list or see more info and resources like the reading plan, go to:

biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Blaze





The Lutheran Women's Missionary League supports a large number of national grants and Michigan grants through the MITEs we collect every year. October is one of four times a year that MITE boxes are collected. For the month of October, Women in Christ is featuring a mission grant entitled "Life and Hope for Moms in Need—Daughters on a Mission (The Luke Clinic)" in the amount of \$25,000. Life and Hope for Moms in Need: The Luke Clinic in Detroit provides free prenatal, postnatal, and infant care for uninsured and immigrant mothers and babies. This grant will support a registered nurse, bilingual education on safe delivery and newborn care, and essential testing, referrals, and medications. This ministry offers compassionate, dignified care to families with nowhere else to turn, reflecting Christ's love for the vulnerable. Please place your MITE box in the large MITE collection box in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up an empty box to fill for January!

\$D St. Paul Endowment Fund News \$D Our Grant window is now open through **November 15th!** There are \$2,450 in remaining Grant dollars for 2026. Please reach out to the church office to obtain a grant application. Our St. Paul Endowment Fund just turned 15 years old in September! Through God's blessings and the generosity of our congregation, the Fund has continued to grow and support meaningful ministry opportunities. We are now in our fifth year of awarding grants. Since the program began, the Endowment Fund has awarded more than **\$19,285** in grants to support ministry, outreach, education, and facility improvements.

Grants Awarded in the First Half of 2026

- Bible Quizzing – **\$500**
- Mission Trip – **\$1,500**
- LWML Convention – **\$1,000**
- **Previous Endowment Fund Grants Have Supported:**
 - National Youth Gathering (Texas)
 - Belize Mission Trip
 - Protect Young Eyes Technology Event
 - Handbell Choir Storage Cases
 - New Church Website
 - Science & Chemistry Learning Materials

- Christmas Decorations
 - Church Roof
 - Church Administration Office Construction
 - VBS T-Shirts
 - Church Sign Refurbishment
 - Marketing & Ministry Materials
- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund over the years. Every gift—large or small—is an investment in the future of St. Paul. Your generosity continues to make a lasting impact by supporting ministries that strengthen our church, serve our community, and share Christ's love with others. Please continue to keep the Endowment Fund in your prayers and consider making a gift as you are able. Together, we are building a legacy of faithful stewardship that will bless St. Paul for generations to come.

COS:YOUTH ROAD RALLY

READY, SET, GOOSE!

An Epic All-Livonia Photo & Video Scavenger Hunt

EVENT DETAILS

-  **WHEN:** Saturday, November 21 st | **2:30 PM – 5:30 PM (ish)**
-  **WHERE:** Start & Finish at **Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church** (Scavenger hunt spans all of Livonia!)
-  **WHO:** **5th Graders & Up!** (Hosted by Nathan Troike & COS:Youth)

WHAT IS IT?

A high-energy, fast-paced photo and video scavenger hunt! We'll be using the **Goose Chase** app to race across Livonia in 3 teams, completing wild challenges, collecting funny clips, and climbing a real-time leaderboard.

The Game Plan:

1. **2 Hours of Racing:** Complete missions, snap pictures, and send submissions to the live judge.
2. **Pizza & Dessert Party:** Return to COS to devour food, watch the master slideshow of everyone's hilarious submissions, and announce the winners!

WHY COME?

Seriously funny, totally wacky, and guaranteed to build awesome memories with friends. *(Plus, there will be photo evidence, so you can't deny any of it! 📸 😂)*

QUESTIONS & INFO

 Have questions or want to jump in? Email us at: youth@christoursavior.org

DON'T MISS OUT — GRAB A FRIEND AND JOIN A TEAM!

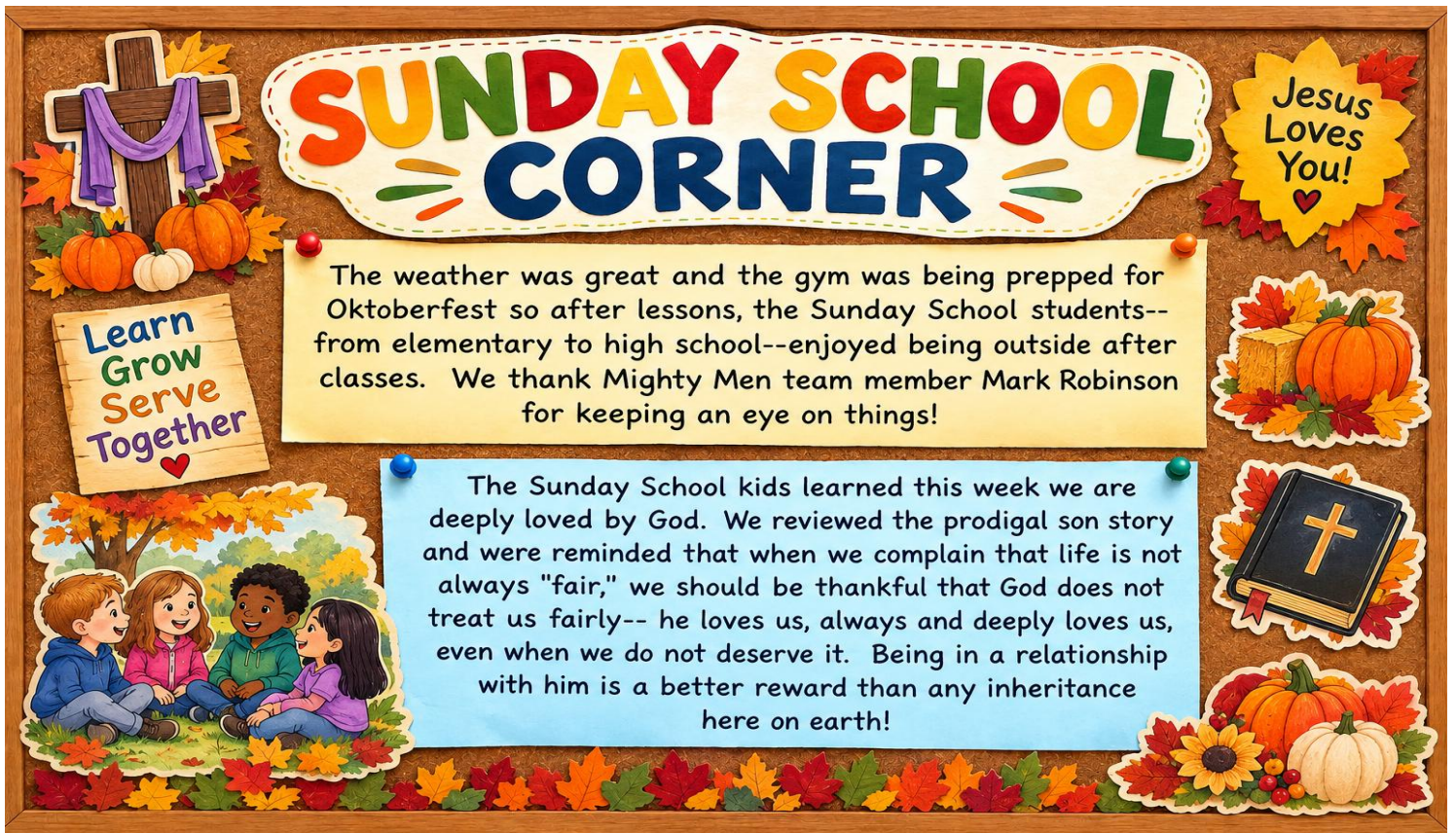
**Everybody welcome to attend the private showing of
The Chosen, season 6, episode 1.**

When: November 1st, 5pm

Where: Parrish hall, St. Paul

Bring yourself, family, friends to see next episode with early release for churches.

Men's bible study group will provide light refreshment, snacks.



SAVE THE DATE!

2027 MINISTRY SUMMIT

Saturday, February 6, 2027

Our Savior Lutheran Church

7910 E. St. Joe Hwy

Lansing, MI 48917

[Google map](#)

In many areas of our lives, we seek to utilize all the resources available to us to accomplish our tasks and goals. As Christians, however, we often leave resources untapped. One great resource that God has placed at our disposal is the privilege and joy of coming to Him in prayer. Whether it is forgotten or only thought about as an option of last resort, we miss out on the promises that God has made to us as we speak to Him and submit our lives to Him in prayer. Plan to join us at the [Ministry Summit](#) as we hear from Rev. Andy Jones (Author of *10 Treasures of Learning to Pray*) and Deaconess Sylvia Witt, as well as other speakers from across the Michigan District who will help us to explore the promises of prayer.

A Note of Thanks

Lisa and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the wonderful Octoberfest in support of our school, the thoughtful cards, notes, and kind expressions of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your shepherds and to walk alongside you in the life and ministry of our congregation.

Your encouragement means more than we can adequately express. We thank God for each of you and for the privilege of being part of this church family. It is a joy for both of us to serve with you and, together, to reach our community with love of Christ.

**With grateful hearts,
Pastor Chris & Lisa**