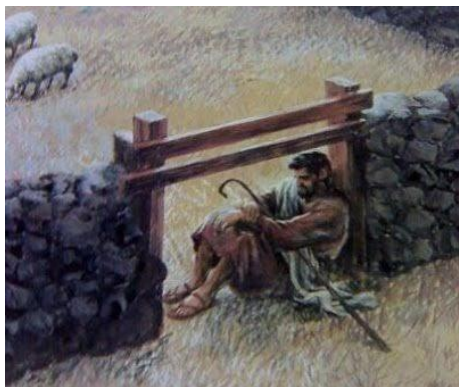


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00am
April 26, 2026



The Shepherd's Voice – He Knows us!

AS WE GATHER

Thanks to the grace of God working faith in our hearts, we are able to hear the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd. What that would mean, were we to block out competing voices around us, is described in Acts—the members of the Early Church were active in teaching, fellowship, communion, prayers, and works of charity. Their actions spoke volumes, and many others “heard” Christ through them. We all stray, of course, as did the people to whom Peter wrote in today’s Epistle. But in His grace, **God calls us back** to return to “the Shepherd and Overseer” of our souls. We gather again to hear His voice today.

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

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.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord is our Good Shepherd;

People: He leads us and restores our souls.

Pastor: He walks beside us through the darkness

People: and never abandons us, even in death.

Pastor: He goes before us and prepares a table for us,

People: and we will dwell in His house forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though our Lord goes before us, beside us, and behind us, we still find a way to run away from His good pasture. We devote ourselves to all sorts of destruction. Still, our Good Shepherd seeks us out and brings us back to safety. He invites us to confess our sins before His heavenly Father.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have strayed from You. We have wounded You with our sin. We have wounded others with our sin. We have wounded ourselves with our sin. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to Your good pasture, on account of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Pastor: Though we have strayed, Jesus always keeps searching for us. Though we have been lost in our priorities, Jesus is always and ever devoted to us. We see this most clearly as almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of 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. We are forgiven. Our souls are restored in Christ.

Children of the Heavenly Father*The Joyful Ringers***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

People: grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;

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

People: Amen.

Blessed Assurance*The Joyful Ringers***FIRST READING** *Acts 2:42–47* (The Early Church grows.)

Reader: ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:19–25* (You have been healed by your Shepherd’s wounds.)

Reader: ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

People: ²¹ **For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.**

Reader: ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:1–10, 27* (The sheep know their Shepherd’s voice.)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have abundantly. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I **know them**, and they follow me.



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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.



Joy of the Lord

Verse 1

Though the tears may fall my song will rise
 My song will rise to You
 Though my heart may fail my song will rise
 My song will rise to You
 While there's breath in my lungs
 I will praise You Lord

Verse 2

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes
 I'll lift my eyes to You
 When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes
 I'll lift my eyes to You
 While there's hope in this heart
 I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
 The joy of the Lord is my strength
 In the darkness I'll dance
 In the shadows I'll sing
 The joy of the Lord is my strength

Verse 3

When I cannot see You with my eyes
 Let faith arise to You
 When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
 Let faith arise to You
 God of mercy and love I will praise You
 Lord

Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
 I feel alive with You
 In Your presence now I come alive
 I am alive with You
 There is strength when I say
 I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
 The joy of the Lord is my strength
 In the darkness I'll dance
 In the shadows I'll sing
 The joy of the Lord is my strength (2x)

Bridge

When sorrow comes my way
 You are the shield around me
 Always You remain
 My courage in the fight
 I hear You call my name Jesus I am
 coming
 Walking on the waves reaching for
 Your light

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
 The joy of the Lord is my strength
 In the darkness I'll dance
 In the shadows I'll sing
 The joy of the Lord is my strength (2x)

MESSAGE – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

Psalm 23

Soloist Kurt Menhart

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Incorporating LSB 709:6

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: **within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove those things from our lives which are not beneficial, so that we may lead lives that are devoted to Your Word and to prayer and fellowship. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: within Thy house forever.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all pastors, missionaries, musicians, educators, and all who serve within Your one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Embolden them to teach Your Word that restores the souls of Your people. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: within Thy house forever.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: within Thy house forever.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and tend us as our Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: within Thy house forever. 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 Our Shepherd and the Door of the Sheep

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: Jesus says, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."

**All (sung Refrain):
The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want,
With every promise You hold in front.
In Christ, the Door, we enter and live,
A love so unending, for all You give**

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. (Refrain)

Pastor: He leads me beside still waters.

People: His voice we know, and His voice we follow. (Refrain)

Pastor: He restores my soul.

**People: Jesus says, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
(Refrain)**

Pastor: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: The Shepherd goes before us, and we follow Him. (Refrain)

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

People: For You are with us, O Christ, our Shepherd and our Door. (Refrain)

Pastor: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

People: Your Word guides us and keeps us in Your fold. (Refrain)

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: You open the gate and feed us with Your grace. (Refrain)

Pastor: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: In You we have life abundant and overflowing. (Refrain)

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

People: And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Refrain)

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 *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

INVITATIONS**Every Praise is to Our God.**

Every praise is to our God.
 Every word of worship with one accord.
 Every praise, every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.
 Glory hallelujah is due our God.
 Every praise, every praise is to our God.

Every praise is to our God.
 Every word of worship with one accord.
 Every praise every praise is to our God.

Sing hallelujah to our God.
 Glory hallelujah is due our God.
 Every praise, every praise is to our God.

God our Savior. God our Healer.
 God our Rescuer. Yes he is! Yes he is!
 God our Savior. God our Healer.
 God our Rescuer. Yes he is! Yes he is!

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 Every word of worship with one accord.
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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	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Mark Potter
Ushers	Matt Babic Lenny Elliott
Greeter	Faerber Family
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Welcome Center Tech Team	Tim Haubenstricker James Nordbeck
Soloist Joyful Ringers	Kurt Menhart Anne Burgess Cheryl Bailey Sharon Byrd Linda Courtney Katy Helmick Beth Hempel Kenadee Koch Carol Kandah Julia Smith Shelly Walldorff

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: 4.19.2026– Attendance – 8:30am - 90 + 11:00am – 83 = 173

Communion - 139

Received week of 4.19.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$13,959** total includes online giving **School - \$38.26**

Remember Our Homebound

Joyce Carr
1066 Washington Circle
Northville, MI 48167



Altar Flowers

One vase from the McGuigans in honor of their friend Richard Schneider's 100th birthday on April 29th.

One vase in memory of Nancy's dad, Paul Crenshaw's birthday from Nancy and Doug Berg.

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

One vase of flowers needed for May 10 and May 17. Cost per vase is \$15.00. If you would like to sponsor a vase, please contact Anne Burgess at 734-765-4792 or anne.burgess.313@gmail.com.

26	APR, 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
		● 12 – 2pm	YOUTH OPEN GYM
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
27	APR, MON	● 11am – 12pm	Schultz Funeral
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6 – 9pm	Scout Review Meeting Room #2
28	APR, TUE	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Newcomer Class - Parish Hall
29	APR, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Newcomer Class - Parish Hall
30	APR, THU	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
1	MAY, FRI	● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. -Kitchen Rental
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
2	MAY, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall
		● 12 – 4pm	NERF WARS SET UP
		● 4 – 6pm	NERF WAR

National Day of Prayer
PANCAKE

Prayer Stations Chapel @ 9am

FREE
Breakfast

ALL ARE WELCOME
Come Eat and Pray

THURSDAY MAY 7, 2026
6:30AM – 9AM BREAKFAST
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
201 Elm St Nothville, MI
CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6PM FOR PRAYER

stpaulnorthville.org

Endowment Fund News

It's amazing to think that our St. Paul Endowment Fund began in 2011 with a single donation of \$1,000. God has truly blessed this ministry! At the close of 2025, the Fund balance has grown to **\$109,234.86**, which will provide **\$5,450 in grant dollars for 2026**. Our 2026 grant window is now open between April 15th and May 31st, with award notifications being made by the end of June. Grant applications are available on the Narthex bulletin board and in the school office.

We are now entering our **fifth year of awarding grants**, and to date the Endowment Fund has shared more than **\$16,285** to support ministry, mission, and community outreach. Here are just a few of the projects that have been blessed through these funds:

- 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 Repairs
- Church Office Construction
- VBS T-Shirts
- Bible Quizzers
- Church Sign Refurbishment
- Marketing & Ministry Materials

Your generosity — past, present, and future — makes this possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund and continues to support it so faithfully.



5 fun days

June 14 12:30-3:30 Lunch provided all welcome
 June 15 - June 18 9:00am - Noon
 3yo preschool - Grade 5
REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 5 BY CODE
 or <https://vbspro.events/p/stpaulnorthville>
 Volunteers needed 6th grade and older



The Sign Is Here!!! Last call for brick orders!!

BRICK FUNDRAISER

"4 X 8" ENGRAVED
BRICK
TEXT ONLY
\$125

In Memory of
Lara Schmidt Angel
1/27/1926- 5/8/2024

TEXT + CLIP ART
\$131

In Memory of
Jane Doe
1930-2025



MEMORIAL GARDEN

MORE INFO SCAN
BARCODE



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
St Paul Lutheran Church
Attn: Brick Fundraiser

Thank you too all that made it happen!!



Helping hands, young and old would be appreciated for our Spring Campus Clean-up. Saturday, May 2nd 10:30am to 1pm, please join with your yard tools to assist with clean-up around the Church, school, and playgrounds. Hot dogs provided for lunch, 12:30 - 1. Help spruce up our Church family home! Mark Faerber 734.686.2100.

CLW Spring 2026 Meeting, April 27, 2026 - Registration information

The Spring meeting will be at St. Luke Lutheran, 21400 S. Nunneley, Clinton Township, MI, 48035 beginning at 9:15 registration. Register by replying to the Call Letter or calling Kathy Dunbar at (248) 622-8774 by April 24, 2026

Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia) will host an **Ascension Day service** on Thurs, **May 14** at 7pm. This holy day falls forty days after Easter and marks the end of Jesus' ministry on earth. In this account, we see a glimpse of our Christ's exultation as the Lord who sits at the right hand of God. After this moment, the Holy Spirit was sent to the church to be their constant Comforter and Guide, a presence that continues into the life of our church today. What an occasion to celebrate! We hope you can join us as we praise or sacrificed, risen and ASCENDED Savior!

Blessing Bag Corner News - Meet another group that has donated over 1,000 blessing bags to



the Detroit Street Mission over the course of 4 years and counting. "God's Sparrows" is a non-profit specifically created to fund wonderful blessing bags to be handed out to the less fortunate on the streets of

Detroit. This wonderful group is made up of friends in Ann Arbor, whom I met (Margo) while doing dog rescue many years ago. They saw the need and wanted to help. Bags are delivered around every three weeks. If you have picked one up, you know how full they are with non-perishable food and hygiene items. One "shop/load" of supplies fills eight shopping carts at a cost of around \$1600. We are so very blessed by this group and give praise to God for their generous hearts.

Please Help St. Paul School Reach Our Fundraising Goals!

**We are seeking a curated number of
items for our LIVE Auction**

**A Donation Board can be found in the
Church Hallway Please stop by!**

**Please take a DONATION Tag of the
item(s) you would like to contribute to our**

Cinco de Mayo LIVE Auction May 5th!

Donation forms and donated items
can be dropped off at the school office.

We are also happy to come to you to pick up items.

Please direct any questions to:

Debbie Jenter #248-755-1609

4dj@sbcglobal.net

**Last day accepting Donations is
Thursday, April 30th.**

As we live in the Light, we serve!

LWML Spring Rally
Wayne Oak Hills Zone
Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:30 am

**Welcoming: Margo Dupre
Christian Author and
Visual Artist**

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified.” 1 Peter 4:10-11

In Gathering

Please bring for: Detroit Street Ministry

New: smaller size (not huge bottles but doesn't have to be travel size)
Hand lotion, toothpaste (not expired) , baby wipes, deodorant, pocket mirrors, flashlights with batteries, white crew socks (mens, not women's) cracker kits with tuna fish or chicken- wash clothes (new), trail mix in individual packages, granola bars, and beef jerky in individual packages!

Living in the light is intentionally living according to the teachings of Christ because He is the Light

St Paul Lutheran Church & School
201 Elm Street
Northville, MI 48167



NERF WARS

FREE



FREE

Saturday May 2 @ 1pm-3pm
St Paul Northville School Gym
3rd grade - 12grade(bring a friend)
Bring your own Nerf Guns
there will be extra ammo
Pizza provided after battle
RSVP by May 1st



Register - <https://forms.gle/weGi3xesJLT8U1zo6>

FREE



All ABLE BODIED and Willing PERSONS: The Auction "Cinco de Mayo" Event needs help setting up Tables & Chairs next **Sunday, May 3 @ 9:45am** in the School GYM.
Thanks for your help and support for our School!

...adding more FUN & Flavor to our St. Paul School "Cinco de Mayo" Fundraiser....

1. The Frita Frozen Margaritas

A one-time, at the door ticket purchase of \$25, per person, for 2 Frozen Margaritas
We also will have non-alcoholic frozen Margaritas for those under 21

2. A menu addition...Guernsey Ice Cream cooler cart! Yum!

3. Take-a-Peek Tuesday Live Auction Launch & Register to Bid

Go to the **GiveButter Cinco de Mayo Event** page, *scan the QR Code* with your camera,

Then: **Donate, RSVP, View Live Auction Items, Register to Bid**

Meal catered by Mexican Fiesta Restaurant

LIVE AUCTION!

5:30 -7:30ish in the School Gym

We are still accepting Live Auction Donation Items thru April 30th. Please see the Donation Tag Board in the Church Hallway

Sponsorship available at 3 Levels with new QRL Link to your website!

Level details and forms available in Church Hallway