

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

11:00 am

May 24, 2026



What Does This Mean?

AS WE GATHER

“What does this mean?” This question might sound familiar to anyone who has spent time studying Luther’s Small Catechism. As the catechism covers each of the Six Chief Parts, the question is asked again and again: “What does this mean?” And then explanation follows. This same question was asked by many in the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2. As the people hear and see these miraculous events, they are amazed and perplexed, asking one another, “What does this mean?” In the verses that follow, Peter gives explanation from the Old Testament. He proclaims that God has fulfilled His promise to “pour out His Spirit on all flesh.” The gift of the Holy Spirit has been given for all nations. As you celebrate the Day of Pentecost today, reflect on these events by asking yourself, **“What does this mean—for me?”**

PRELUDE

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

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)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 8:16–17*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

People: and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 16:7–8; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3*

Pastor: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you."

People: "And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

Pastor: So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

People: Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

Pastor: You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

People: Yet, too often we remain speechless.

Pastor: You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

People: Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

Pastor: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and "no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit." Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

People: on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;

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

Somebody Prayed

Verse 1

Every night there by your bed,
You fold your hands and bow your
head
Throwing out another prayer in faith.

When you wondering if He's hearing
you,
Look at me, I'm living proof.
I'm only right here where I am today
Because somebody prayed.

Chorus

So I hit my knees
'Cause I've seen all heaven move.
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom,)

*(My God pick you up when you call
Him.)*

I pray, "Father please."
'Cause I've seen what He can do.
*(Don't matter if the storm cloud
coming.)*
*(My God come through when you call
Him.)*

These hands have no power,
But there ain't an hour He don't come
through.
That's why when mountains move I
say,
"Looks like somebody prayed."

Verse 2

For the child of God that's far from home,
The one who thinks they're too far gone,
I'm throwing out another prayer in faith.

Worn out altars, tear stained pews,
Still I won't give up on you.
I believe that anything can change
When somebody prays.

Chorus

So I hit my knees
'Cause I've seen all heaven move.
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom,)
(My God pick you up when you call Him.)

I pray, "Father please."
'Cause I've seen what He can do.
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming.)
(My God come through when you call Him.)

These hands have no power,
But there ain't an hour He don't come through.
That's why when mountains move I say,
"Looks like somebody prayed."

Bridge

I've seen miracles come from feeble words.
I've seen hospital rooms turned into cathedrals.
I've seen freedom come to the prisoner.
You can't tell me that prayer don't work.

Verse 3

Every night there by your bed
When you fold your hands and bow your head,
Not a single word you've ever said in vain,
'Cause He hears everything.

Chorus

So I hit my knees
'Cause I've seen all heaven move.
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom,)
(My God pick you up when you call Him.)

I pray, "Father please."
'Cause I've seen what He can do.
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming.)
(My God come through when you call Him.)

These hands have no power,
But there ain't an hour He don't come through.

That's why when mountains move I say,
"Looks like somebody prayed." (2x)

FIRST READING *Acts 2:1–21* (The Day of Pentecost)

Reader: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

Pastor: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Reader: And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

People: “What does this mean?”

Reader: But others mocking said,

People: “They are filled with new wine.”

Reader: But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

Pastor: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

Reader: " 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
 that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams;
 even on my male servants and female servants
 in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
 the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall
 be saved.' "

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
 Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,
 From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
 I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
 My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
 Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

Children's Message

HOLY GOSPEL *John 7:37–39 (Out of believers in Christ will flow rivers of living water.)*

³⁷ On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!

³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'"

³⁹ (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

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.

The Commission

Verse 1

See my hands look at my feet
 It's okay if it's hard to believe
 I have faith you will do greater things
 It's my time to go but before I leave

Chorus

Go tell the world about me
 I was dead but now I live
 I've gotta go now for a little while
 But goodbye is not the end

Verse 2

Don't forget the things that I taught
 you
 I conquered death and I hold the keys
 Where I go you will go too someday
 There's much to do here before you
 leave

Chorus

Go tell the world about me
 I was dead but now I live

I've gotta go now for a little while
 But goodbye is not the end

Bridge

End of the journey the end of the road
 My spirit is with you wherever you go
 You have a purpose and I have a plan
 I'll make you this promise
 I'll come back again but until then

Chorus

Go tell the world about me
 I was dead but now I live
 I've gotta go now for a little while
 But goodbye is not the end

Go tell the world about me
 I was dead but now I live
 I've gotta go now for a little while
 But goodbye is not the end

But goodbye is not the end

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Ain't Nobody Love Me Like Jesus

Verse 1

I got a story too good to hide
 I was a blind man wandering until I saw
 the light
 Yeah I've got a story I can't deny
 I'm a living breathing miracle
 And I just gotta testify

Chorus

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 Ain't nobody love me this good
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 And I know I know nobody could
 Tell me who could give me this freedom
 Tell me who could get me this far
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 And I know I know nobody could

Interlude

Ain't nobody ain't nobody ain't nobody

Verse 2

Now I'm anointed to bring the news
 Everything He did for me I know He'll do
 for you
 He gave me joy for the mourning
 For the ashes a crown
 I'm a walking talking miracle
 And I just gotta let it out

Chorus

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 Ain't nobody love me this good
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 And I know I know nobody could
 Tell me who could give me this freedom
 Tell me who could get me this far
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus

And I know I know nobody could

Interlude

Ain't nobody ain't nobody ain't nobody

Bridge

Nobody could pull me from the darkness
 Save me by the blood
 Raise me from the ashes

I know I know nobody could
 Break off every shackle
 Tear down every wall
 Set free every captive
 I know I know nobody could
 (2X)

Chorus

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 Ain't nobody love me this good
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 And I know I know nobody could
 Tell me who could give me this freedom
 Tell me who could get me this far
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus
 And I know I know nobody could

Ending

Ain't nobody ain't nobody
 Ain't nobody (I know I know nobody could)
 Ain't nobody ain't nobody
 Ain't nobody (I know I know nobody could)
 Ain't nobody ain't nobody ain't nobody

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [*names*]. Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Remembering our veterans...

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. 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.

CATECHISM *The Third Article*

People: **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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;**

Pastor: but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

People: **In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

Pastor: In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

People: **On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us, forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned
 Against us; forgive them.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 Let your kingdom come.

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

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

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

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

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

The kingdom is yours.

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

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

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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: **fill the hearts of the faithful,**

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

People: **Alleluia!**

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

People: Amen.

GOD IS GOOD

The image shows a handwritten musical score for the hymn "God is Good". The score is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. Handwritten guitar chords are written above the staff. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 4, 7, and 10 indicated. The final system includes a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Chords: G, D/F#, Em, D, A/C#, Bm, A, D, G, D, Em, D, A/C#, Bm, A7, D, G, D/F#, Em, D, C#7, F#7, Bm, D, G, D/F#, G, Bm, E7, A, D, G, D/F#, G, Bm, E, A7, D, E, A.

Lyrics:
 May your strug-les keep you near the cross. And may your trou-les show that
 you need God. And may your bat-tles end the way they should. And may your
 bad days prove that God is good. & may your whole life prove that
 God is good. And may your God is good.

THE INVITATIONS

Praise You Anywhere

Sometimes you've gotta dance through
the darkness,
Sing through the fire,
Praise when it don't make sense.
Sometimes you've gotta stare down the
giant,
Worship from the lion's den.

Sometimes you've gotta shout it from
the mountain,
Louder in the valley,
Trusting that He's gonna get you there.

Sometimes you've gotta welcome the
wonder,
Wait for the answer,
Worship with your hands in the air.
I'll praise You anywhere.

Chorus

Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
He is worthy.
Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise.

Sometimes you've gotta praise in the
prison,
Cry out to heaven,
Shout it 'til the doors swing wide.

Sometimes you've gotta stand on your
shackles,
Brave in the battle,
Worship with your hands held high.
I'll praise You anywhere.

Chorus

Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
He is worthy.
Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise.
(2X)

Faithful all my life,
Blessings day and night,
Countless reasons why
I'll praise You anywhere.
Every promise kept,
Goodness every step,
Each and every breath,
I'll praise You anywhere. (2x)

Chorus

Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.

Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
He is worthy.
Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise.
(2X)
I'll praise You anywhere.



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Acolyte	Tyler Hughes
Ushers	Matt Babic Lenny Elliott
Greeter	Harp Family
Counters	Katie Helmick Carole Crete
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Tech Team	James Nordbeck
Praise Team	Kurt Menhart Sarah Hughes Hannah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men’s Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 5.17.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 120 + 11:00am – 69 = 189

Communion - 152

Received week of 5.17.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$22,358.68** total includes online giving **School - \$5,480.38**



Remember Our Homebound

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

Altar Flowers

*Two vases in memory of all U.S. Service Members
that served and those that paid the ultimate price for our freedom
from Chuck and Beth Hempel.*

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

24	MAY, SUN	● All day	NO SCHOOL Memorial Weekend (Day 3/4)
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
25	MAY, MON	● All day	NO SCHOOL Memorial Weekend (Day 4/4)
		● All day	Church Office Closed
		● 9am – 12pm	LWML Meeting - Parish Hall
28	MAY, THU	● All day	Hello Summer Auction Event -Gym and Kitchen
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. -Kitchen Rental
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
29	MAY, FRI	● All day	Hello Summer Auction Event -Gym and Kitchen
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall



**ST. PAUL IS HOSTING THE 2026
9TH ANNUAL ALLEN TERRACE BBQ
JUNE 9 STARTING AT 6 PM IN THE PARISH HALL**



A PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP WILL FOLLOW AND THEN BINGO

**THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND THE BOARD OF
ELDERS AND EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY A THRIVENT GRANT**

HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN HELP!!!

THE MENU IS HOT DOGS AND BURGERS BUT PICNIC SIDES ALWAYS

MAKE IT SO MUCH MORE FUN!

**We can use your help by bringing a side dish such as
potato salad, cole slaw, pasta salad
or whatever your speciality is.**



**Please let Pat McGuigan or Kathy Verseman know if you can help.
Thank you very much for your help with this ministry.**

A promotional graphic for a trunk sale. It features a black car trunk with various items like boxes, bags, and a plant. Text overlays include: "Be a part of our WOW" in a green box, "Trunk sale" in large white letters, "FOR SALE" in a red box, "Saturday, July 18" and "9:30-2 pm" in a red box, "Sign-up at the Welcome Desk" and "No fee!" in a white oval, and "Contact: Dianne Sherman (734-812-5172)" in a white box. A yellow "SALE" sticker is on a box in the foreground.

Sat, July 18, for the Spring Trunk Sale!

The sale will be held from 9:30am to 2pm in the COS parking lot. If you would like to reserve a space to sell your own items, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. There is no cost for a space, freewill donations will be accepted for our youth program. Contact Dianne Sherman (734)-812-5172 with any questions.

Help Our with Spree Parking

Please volunteer to park cars at COS parking lot for patrons of The Livonia Spree. Six people per shift, two shifts per day (three shifts on Saturday). This is a great way to get to know fellow church members and welcome visitors to COS and The Livonia Spree. We charge \$5 per car, and all proceeds go to Meal on Wheels. We've raised over \$100,000 in donations over the years COS has been hosting this event. Contact Chris Trapp (734-776-6720) and visit our sign-up genius to sign-up.

We are making a "Picture Board " to display in church. **If you have a 2026 High School or College Graduate** we would like the name, the school, a picture, and a brief mention of what the graduate's future plans are. Please send same to Cheryl Koch: Ckoch2rn@gmail.com before May 31st (or drop off at church office)

On ***Sunday, June 7*** we will honor and recognize our Sunday school teachers: Kristen Goodman, Jennifer Huggins and Debbie Jenter. These three women volunteer their time and energy to educate and lead our children in games, crafts, snacks and most importantly in the word of God. We sincerely appreciate all their efforts on Sunday morning to bring our children together for fellowship and scripture. Please join the Board of Youth and Family Education in recognizing them at coffee hour in the parish hall.



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome back former members Terry and Phyllis Fraser. They have transferred to us from Prince of Peace in Farmington. The Frasers and their children were members here from 1990 to 2001. We are so happy to have you back and look forward to getting to know you better.

Also, welcome our new members Bill and Venetia Schlie. Both went through Newcomer Class. Venetia is joining us through transfer from Christ the King Southgate. Venetia has already found a way to serve here at St. Paul by joining the choir. Thank you for sharing your talents.

Daniel and Lindsey Bohannon were added to the St. Paul family after attending the spring Newcomer Class. They are new members but have been attending faithfully for some time with their son Mitchel. We are so happy to welcome you.

Grant Moeggenborg also attended the Newcomer Class this spring. He has faithfully attended services with his fiancé Paige Berman and her family for over a year. Grant and Paige were married here at St. Paul on April 18. Welcome to the new member and the new family.

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

Medicare 101 Seminar Are you currently on Medicare or do you need to sign up? Do you have questions, like "what are my choices?" or "how do I enroll?" Scott, with Huggins Medicare Advisors, is offering a free Medicare 101 seminar to help you navigate your options. Learn about deadlines, penalties and optional add-ons. A complimentary sub sandwich meal will be provided at each seminar. If one of the following dates and times will work for you, call Scott at 248-266-9677 to sign up, or ask any other questions.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Hospital (St. Joe's) - Oakland, 44405 Woodward Ave, Pontiac, MI in the Lear Room (south entrance, lower level)

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 S. Elm St, Northville, MI in the Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

DETROIT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

6th ANNUAL SPRING SERVICE DAY

WHEN: June 13 9 am – 12 pm

WHERE: 19370 Greenfield, Detroit 48235

WHAT: Outside grounds clean up

BRING: Rakes, clippers, trimmers, etc., and

especially a chain saw if you have one.

Remember to bring work gloves.



QUESTIONS:: Contact Pat McGuigan (734) 718-8597 [/pking1252@gmail.com](mailto:pking1252@gmail.com)

Also: Last year we realized that a donut and beverage break was appreciated mid morning so you might appreciate bringing a lawn chair or camping stool.

“Many hands make light work”



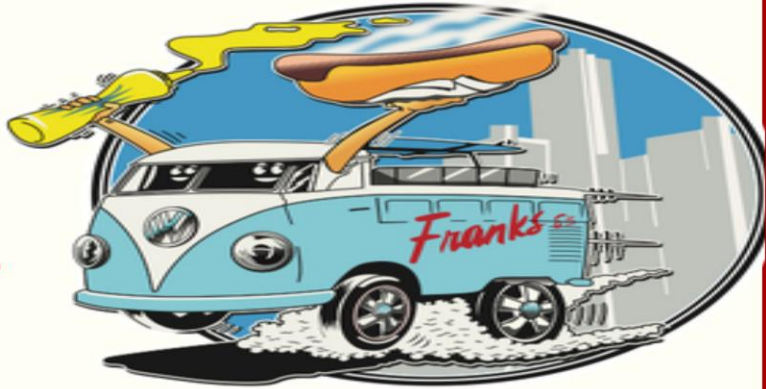
Blessing Bag Corner News - Meet “Chicks with Sticks” – Chicks with Sticks is a knitting group at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, MI. This group has been knitting mittens, scarves and hats for the Detroit Street Mission for the last several years. “What a joy it is to join with one another in fun and fellowship, and to work on various projects to help support our surrounding community”. Thank you Tracey Fish for dropping off these wonderful blessings to St. Paul’s !

Please RSVP!

Scan the QR code and click the first blue link at the top of the Givebutter event page.



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Food will be served from Mr. Franks, a converted 1965 classic VW pickup!

This free-will fundraiser will feature classroom group projects in a small silent auction, plus 4–5 fun raffle items. No registration required!

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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

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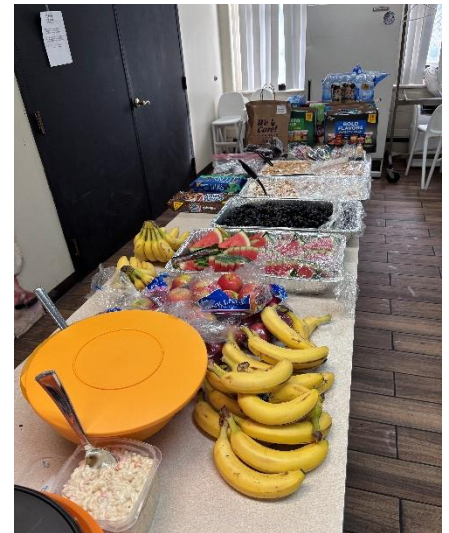
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Attn: Brick Fundraiser

Thank you too all that made it happen!!

We served 92 meals with our much anticipated cold Cheesy Chicken Pasta Casserole. They love it. We had two full casseroles to leave with them as they shared they had no one signed up for the next day. Do you belong to a small group (outside the church is fine) that could possibly add another meal date during the month? Here is a list of our casserole makers, Carole Crete, Gretchen Hasse, Bill & Janet Kovalak, Julia Smith, Pat McGuigan, Kathy Verseman, Linda Daul, Mary Lou Jaussi, (1st timer) Ann Kelly and Cindy Glieman. They do say they feed 12 so next time, we will make 8. Rolls were supplied by Chris Henning and Katy Baetz-Matthews, we had butter in the refrigerator. Claudia and Ann Kelly bought BIG bags of chips from Costco. I think 6 bags will be enough. Maybe even 5. Ann was serving a large portion to everyone, we had 9 bags of chips, she bought 6. Beth & Chuck Hempel and Sue purchased bananas, the Hempel's were perfectly ripe and Sue's were a tad bit green. All of them got taken, it's a favorite for sure. We had lots to drinks and were able to help the next days dinner menu as well. Shelly Ernst, Jan Faerber, Anne Burgess and Charleen Hill. Our desserts were provided by Dean (he always brings a special store bought cookie, they loved the mint Oreos), Jan Faerber brownies (yummy), and Cheryl Bailey brownies too, and Britney made Chocolate chunk, she is a wonderful baker. Marcy took care of our paper products and Debbie Jenter and Margo helped with the kitchen organization as we needed to use the church kitchen because of the auction, on May 5. Our driver was Julia Smith and Sue, Pat, Shelly and "Annabanana" drove herself down. That was Ann's first time and what an impression she made on the crowd. She shook hands with many of them in line. That broke the ice with them right away. she told many that they use to call her "Annabanana" in school, as she handed them a banana. We had lots of fun and laughs and we all know Ann more by our time serving together. Pastor Nick is having a baby boy due the end of the month. Thank all of you for your support of this ministry.



Family of God Meal Wednesday 5.20.26 – Great weather to drive to Detroit to serve another meal to our friends at Family of God Mission. Thank you brownie makers! Those homemade brownies always go so fast! I (Margo) met my friends at the mission to serve a meal of: fried chicken, deli trays to make wonderful subs and sandwiches, fresh watermelon, apples, oranges, bananas, concord grapes, cowboy beans, macaroni salad, coleslaw, potato salad, chips, ambrosia, homemade banana pudding (a Pastor Hill favorite) cookies and more! We had a “picnic theme” and we served around 75 people and 150 plates of food! Everyone had take home plates! Hygiene kits and snacks were also sent home with our friends. This is such **a needed outreach** to the less fortunate in the city of Detroit- sometimes this may be the only meal for the day for so many, including children. Saint Paul Lutheran Church signs up for two meals a month. If you would like more information on how you can plug in, feel free to call the church office and I will get you connected to the right people! I was also thankful for the help of a few friends at the mission as we needed some extra hands to serve last night.



Matthew 25:35–36 – *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I was a stranger and you invited me in...”*
