

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

June 14, 2026



The Father's Love

AS WE GATHER

The history of celebrating Father's Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father's Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him" (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles' wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Great Is The Lord

1. Great is the Lord
He is Holy and Just
By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.

2. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise

Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

3. Great is the Lord
He is Holy and Just
By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love.

4. Great are You Lord and worthy of glory
Great are You Lord and worthy of praise

Great are you Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Lamentations 3:22–23; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Cor 6:19*

Pastor: “The steadfast love of the Father never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in faithfulness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Yet we would hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. All that the Lord has spoken, His Son has done. By His grace, you are the sons and daughters of God, cleansed by the Lamb, 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. Eternal Father, You sent Your Son to be the Shepherd and Savior who has reconciled us to You. Thankful for Your abundant grace and earthly gifts, make us generous laborers in Your harvest that the message of Christ and His love may be made known in all the world;

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

Epistle*2 Corinthians 6:1-13 NLT (Now is the day of salvation.)*

Reader: ¹ As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. ² For God says,

People: **"At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you."**

Reader: Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

Paul's Hardships

Reader: ³ We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry.

People: **⁴ In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God. We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind.**

Reader: ⁵ We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food.

People: **⁶ We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love.**

Reader: ⁷ We faithfully preach the truth. God's power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense.

People: **⁸ We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors.**

Reader: ⁹ We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed.

People: **¹⁰ Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.**

Reader: ¹¹ Oh, dear Corinthian friends! We have spoken honestly with you, and our hearts are open to you. ¹² There is no lack of love on our part, but you have withheld your love from us. ¹³ I am asking you to respond as if you were my own children. Open your hearts to us!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stand

Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:35–10:1,5-8* (Jesus calls and then sends out His disciples.)

Reader: ³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."


Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. ⁵ Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: "Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans,⁶ but only to the people of Israel—God's lost sheep.⁷ Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. **Give as freely as you have received!**

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.

834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that

fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news

less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,

Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those

Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy

Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
 To bring the great good news to man!
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

What spiritual matter have I been putting off until "tomorrow" that God may be calling me to bring to Him today? *Repentance, forgiveness, prayer, reconciliation, worship, or trusting Him with a burden?*

In what ways have I begun to treat God's grace as something ordinary rather than a living gift that is actively changing my life?

If "the devil's favorite word is tomorrow," what has he successfully convinced me to postpone in my relationship with God?

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the expansion of Christ's kingdom, that we may share the gifts of our Savior in the work we do in His harvest field, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the mission that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: For all fathers, mothers and people of faith, that they may use their vocations to be a blessing to others in the home and in the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the Christian family that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, that they may find wholeness and restoration in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, thank You for the healing grace that is ours in Christ.

Pastor: Dear God, through Your grace, our stewardship changes from specific acts to a lifestyle of stewardship. Because You transform our hearts, we are eager to do good works that please and honor You.

People: Lord, we thank You for the privilege of being Your stewards, and we pray for the wisdom, strength, and conviction to live each day faithfully in the stewardship of Your blessings.

Pastor: Lord God, in our lifestyle of stewardship, we commit our lives, gifts, and resources to serving You and fulfilling Your will for our lives.

People: Lord, help us to show proper gratitude for Who You are and what You do for us. In Christ's name we pray. 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.

*Stand***Offertory**


C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

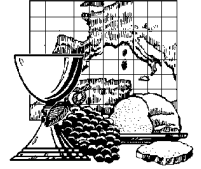
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.



THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light-colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.

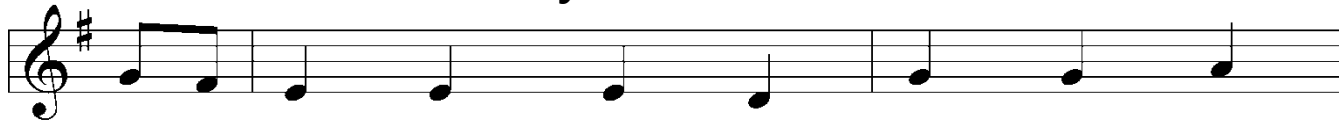


They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

CHORUS: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

CHORUS

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

CHORUS

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

CHORUS

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, as part of Your loving plan for us You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the sustenance You have given us through this holy meal. Let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATION

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav’ling through this wilderness.

- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.



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
 Music Director

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
 Paul Ventimiglia

Family Life

Jeanette Koch

Reader

Jan Faerber

Elder

John Hasse

Ushers

Jerry Krause
 Ron Breuhan
 Marty Jenter
 Mike Huskey
 Elyse Huskey

Greeter

Hasse Family

Acolyte

Caleb Norton

Counters

Dave Tischler
 Jan Paver

Welcome Center

Sue Poole

Coffee Hour

Board of Social Ministry

Tech Team

Corey Kovocho

Altar Society

Jan Paver
 Sue Poole

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: 6.7.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 119 + 11:00am – 65 = 184

Communion - 155

Received week of 6.7.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$7,052** total includes online giving

School - \$0

Remember Our Homebound

Dorothy Schneider

41215 Fox Run Drive -216 Rose Court
 Novi, MI 48377



Altar Flowers

One vase in honor of our 62nd wedding anniversary on June 27

From Neale and Kathy Hoener

*One vase in memory of Norman and Virginia Kleiner's wedding anniversary
from Diane and Joel Robinson*

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

14	JUN, SUN	● All day	VBS (Day 3/7)
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9am	Vacation Bible School (Day 1/5)
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 10 – 11am	Voters Meeting Parish Hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
15	JUN, MON	● All day	VBS (Day 4/7)
		● All day	Vacation Bible School (Day 2/5)
16	JUN, TUE	● All day	VBS (Day 5/7)
		● All day	Vacation Bible School (Day 3/5)
17	JUN, WED	● All day	VBS (Day 6/7)
		● All day	Vacation Bible School (Day 4/5)
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner Kitchen 2-5pm 7354 Whittaker St
18	JUN, THU	● Until 9am	VBS (Day 7/7)
		● Until 12pm	Vacation Bible School (Day 5/5)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
19	JUN, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
20	JUN, SAT	● All day	Greulich Parish Hall Rental
		● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall



NORTHVILLE JULY 4TH PARADE
THEME: “America’s 250 Birthday Bash”
OUR INTERPRETATION:
“Celebrating Our Freedoms”

How you can help:



1. **Candy, Candy, Candy.** We can use donated candy to pass out during the parade. It must be wrapped and no chocolate or melty candy. There will be a donation box in the hall.
2. **We are walking and handing out candy and pencils** so we need as many walkers as available to give a strong presence in the community.
3. **Float construction:** If you are handy and would like to be part of the float team we would love to have you join us. Our work schedule for the week of July 15 at 6 pm is:
 - Monday, July 15
 - Wednesday, July 17
 - Thursday, July 18
 - Friday, July 19
4. **Any questions, contact Patrick Baker or any Board of Evangelism member.**



Thank you for wherever you can help.

giving Together
Growing in Faith
Serving Others

CHURCH
Voters
MEETING
JUNE 14

10 AM | **BETWEEN SERVICES**

On Sunday, June 21, during the coffee hour between services, our St. Paul's mission team will share a short presentation about their recent eyeglass mission in El Salvador. Several team members were first-time participants in overseas mission work, and they'll be reflecting on what it was like to serve, learn, and connect with the people of Pasaquina and El Rincón. We hope you'll join us for stories, photos, and a glimpse of how God worked through this ministry.



UPDATE, thank you to those who volunteered to help with summer coffee hours. We still have 4 coffee hours on our sheet that need covered, July 5 & 12, August 9 and September 6. The Elders and Board of Evangelism split their board into 2 teams of four and schedule several rotating through the year. You could also ask a couple of your friends to have a coffee hour, maybe do it once or, 3 or 4 times a year. If you have questions, please see Claudia Williamson, Sue Poole or Jan Paver. Thank you, Sue

As Karen and I reflect on this past Sunday, our hearts are filled with gratitude. It is hard to believe that the last ten years of serving as one of your pastors have gone by so quickly. What a truly joyous journey it has been! My final Sunday of service was grand in every way. I was deeply blessed by the many kind words (and whispers in my ear), prayers, hugs, and expressions of love. The music and musicians were outstanding, and the wonderful reception—with its abundance of delicious food prepared by our own members in true St. Paul potluck fashion—was thoroughly enjoyed by our entire family. We are also sincerely thankful for the many cards, gifts, and flowers. Your generosity, kindness, and support over the years, and especially this past Sunday, have meant so much to both of us. With heartfelt thanks, Karen and Pastor Jim, and may God bless St. Paul's as it continues being a beacon of Christ in the greater Northwest Metro Detroit region.



Blessing Bag Corner News – Meet Bernd and Jenny

Koerner- They have fostered, volunteered and transported dogs. The mutual sharing of dogs needing rescue is how we met! (Margo). The Koerner's saw the need to help with street outreach for people within the city and that is how our friendship was born! Over the **years** they have sent me hundreds of flashlights, socks, hats, gloves, tuna and chicken cracker kits, beef jerky

and more! The picture is the most recent "delivery" 18 cases of much needed items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters on the streets of Detroit! God is so good! I feel blessed to have so many who care and help!



OUR NEW MEMBERS

On May 17 Barry Berman was baptized and joined his family as a member here at St. Paul. Barry attended Newcomer's class with his family in the fall of 2024 and has been attending here since then.

Welcome Barry.

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."

We once again teamed up and served another meal at Family of God on June 2. They really enjoy the cool and refreshing dinner. They love our Cheesy Pasta Casserole. Our makers were Claudia Williamson, Gretchen Hasse, Julia Smith (she made 2 for us), Pat McGuigan, Kathy Verseman, Beth Hempel, Ann Kelly (Annabanana) and Kathleen McFall. They cleaned the table, everything was enjoyed. Anne Burgess bought the rolls, Michele Benson the butter, Carole Crete & Charleen Hill big bags of potato chips, Carolyn Nieuwkoop, Michele Benson, Tom & Sue brought fresh fruit, Carole Crete supplied their favorite Chocolate & White Milk, Jan & Mark Faerber supplied cool and refreshiing juices, tea and lemonade, Shelly provided a case of water, Kim Ruth, Jan & Mark Faerber, Cheryl Bailey and Ann Burgess supplied the desserts. Marcy put together our paper products and Margo organized our kitchen. I love how it all works, even without and announcement you did good church family. Our servers were Julia Smith (driver), Pat McGuigan, Shelly Wallsdoff and Annabanana (drove herself). Traffic held them up a bit so when they arrived the room full was hungry and ready to eat. Pastor Nick and Pastor Tyler (remember him) both had new babies and pictures were shared. Pastor Nick's baby is Walter and Pastor Tyler is Jace. Pastor Jim was there, it was very good to see him. Michelle & Gloria (members of FOG Church) helped with serving and we served around 100 plates. The Wednesday night crew will serve June 17th and our next Tuesday night meal will be July 7th. All this because of you, serving our Lord together. Thank you.

SUMMER CAMP
2026

Let the Adventure Begin....
St. Paul Lutheran School

June 29th- August 14th

3 Weeks Of Themed Camp
June 29th, July 13th and August 3rd

Childcare Provided On
Non-Themed Weeks

Contact Ms. Inman
rinman@stpaulnorthville.org

Step into the mist! St Paul Northville

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

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
1/27/1928 - 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!!

Young Adults & Families Hangout

Whether you're navigating college, career, or the chaotic joys of raising toddlers, you have a place here! The Young Adults group is gathering on Saturday, July 25th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM just to hang out and catch up. Little ones are absolutely welcome, and we'll be at a spot where they can play. The location is still being finalized, so text or call Michael Huskey at 317-319-0559 for updates. Come out and enjoy some relaxed fellowship!
