

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am
July 12, 2026



The Sower Knows . . .

AS WE GATHER

Though you may be familiar with Jesus' parable of the sower, you may be surprised to hear that you do not really know it yet! That's because on the one hand, the Word of God does not change. Yet on the other hand, we need to keep hearing it again and again, because our circumstances are constantly changing. The parable of the sower tells of this mystery. The seed is God's Word, God's work of planting repentance and faith in ears who hear. We may think of the various kinds of soil Jesus mentions to be various sorts of people. Actually, however, He is describing each individual in their changing circumstances. There are times when we are "good soil," that is, we understand God's Word and take comfort in it. There are other times, however, when we either cannot or will not hear it. Sometimes we become hard paths, rocky or distracted by worries or fears. For this reason, God never ceases planting, speaking, and growing faith in the heart, and we return repeatedly to continue hearing, reading, learning, and receiving God's Word because **He never gives up on you!**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

You Are Good

Lord, You are good,
And Your mercy endureth forever;
Lord, You are good,
And Your mercy endureth forever.

Lord, You are good,
And Your mercy endureth forever;
Lord, You are good,
And Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue,
From generation to generation.

People from every nation and tongue,
From generation to generation.

We worship You,
Hallelujah, hallelujah;
We worship You for who You are;
We worship You,
Hallelujah, hallelujah;
We worship You for who You are;
For You are good.

We worship You,
Hallelujah, hallelujah;
We worship You for who You are;
We worship You,
Hallelujah, hallelujah;
We worship You for who You are;
For You are good.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Titus 3:3–7*

Pastor: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures,

People: passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

Pastor: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

People: He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy,

Pastor: by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

People: whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Pastor: so that being justified by His grace

People: we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In that divine hope, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by not letting You have Your way with us. We have become deaf to Your Word. Because of our weak love for You and for our neighbor, we have become fruitless trees deserving only Your judgment. Therefore, we return to You today asking Your forgiveness and for the strengthening of our faith and love. By Your Word, restore us and renew us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, by the power of Your Word alone, You created everything out of nothing, and You have caused us to be drawn to You in hope. Open our ears and our hearts to hear and believe Your Word this day anew that we may grow by Your grace in the faith and the love that are in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:10–13* (God's powerful Word for all)

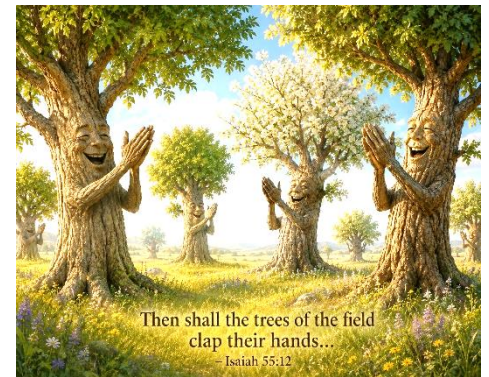
¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE: The Trees of the Field (see worship screen)



EPISTLE *Romans 8:12–17*

(Life through the Spirit)

Heirs with Christ

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Romans 11:33, 36; Isaiah 40:8*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,

People: but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23* (Jesus shares and interprets His story of the lavish sower.)

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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.**

Well Done

What will it be like when my pain is gone,
And all the worries of this world just fade
away?

What will it be like when You call my
name,

In that moment when I see You face to
face?

I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say:

CHORUS

Well done, well done, my good and faithful
one.

Welcome to the place where you belong.

Well done, well done, my beloved child.

You have run the race and now you're
home.

Welcome to the place where you belong.

What will it be like when tears are washed
away,

And every broken thing will finally be
made whole?

What will it be like when I come into Your
glory,

Standing in the presence of a love so
beautiful?

I'm waiting my whole life for that day.

I will live my life to hear You say:

CHORUS

Well done, well done, my good and faithful
one.

Welcome to the place where you belong.

Well done, well done, my beloved child.

You have run the race and now you're
home.

Welcome to the place where you belong.

BRIDGE

What will it be like when I hear that
sound?

All of heaven's angels crying out.

Singing, Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Lord.

Singing, Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Lord.

Singing, Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Lord.

Waiting my whole life for that day,

Until then I'll live to hear You say:

CHORUS

Well done, well done, my good and faithful one.

Welcome to the place where you belong.

Well done, well done, my beloved child.

You have run the race and now you're home.

Welcome to the place where you belong.

Well done.

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**Way Maker****Verse**

You are here moving in our midst

I worship You I worship You

You are here working in this place

I worship You I worship You

That is who you are

That is who you are (4x)

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are (2x)

Even when I don't see it You're working

Even when I don't feel it You're working

You never stop, You never stop working

You never stop, You never stop working

Verse

You are here turning lives around

I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart

I worship You yeah I worship You

Even when I don't see it You're working

Even when I don't feel it You're working

You never stop, You never stop working

You never stop, Jesus You are...

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are (4x)

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are (4x)

That is who you are

That is who you are (4x)

That is who you are

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth worships You, our Creator and Redeemer. By Your mighty Word, all things live and move and have their being. We praise You for Your creation. But with even greater praise, we give thanks for Your re-creating Word by which You have conquered sin and death, restoring earth's beauty and eternal life to all who believe. Cause Your Word to be received and believed by all people, giving everyone Your new life through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the glorious company of the apostles, the fellowship of the prophets, and the evangelists of Your Gospel, we give You thanks. Give conviction and strength to all today whom You have called and ordained to proclaim Your Word to this generation, and bring forth the fruits of faith and love in all those renewed by Your Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God bless our native land with freedom and wisdom to acknowledge Your Holy Word as the only sure foundation of governance in line with Your grace, wisdom, and will. Raise up servant leaders to guard, guide, and protect all citizens of our country in the way of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As You promise Your own healing peace and comfort for Your people, so surround all who suffer any need, sickness, or adversity. Grant that their faith never fail and their prayers never cease. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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#). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are written above the staff. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 4, 7, 10, and 12 indicated. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Chords: G D/F# Em D A/C# Bm A D G D Em D

Chords: A/C# Bm A7 D G D/F# Em D C#7 F#7 Bm D

Chords: G D/F# G Bm E7 A D G D/F# G Bm

Chords: E A7 D (P) 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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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 INVITATIONS**Yes He Can**

Sometimes I wonder, is He faithful?
Does He see me in my trouble, does He understand?
Sometimes I question if He’s able,
Can He rescue, can He save me again and again?
But when I look back.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
Did He part every sea?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Did He defeat the darkness?
Did He deliver me?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Sometimes those voices try to tell me
I’m forgotten and I’ve fallen too far from His hands.
But I know what kind of God He is
And I’m trusting in His promises.
I’m believing and I’m singing,
Yes, He can.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
Did He part every sea?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Did He defeat the darkness?
Did He deliver me?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Bridge

'Cause I’ve seen too much, now I can’t deny
He’s come through every single time.
From the beginning, until the end,
He did - He will - He can.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
Did He part every sea?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Did He defeat the darkness?
Did He deliver me?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Yes, He did, yes He can.



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	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Mark Potter
Ushers	Chuck Hempel Ernie Edick
Greeter	McGuigan Family
Counters	Jan Greulich Frank Newman George Foor
Welcome Center	Kathy Verseman
Tech Team	Curtis Kalina
Altar Society	Jan Paver Sue Poole
Acolyte	Kenadee Koch
Praise Team	Kurt Menhart Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Chris Englert Linda Johnson Alexandra Vago (Bass Gtr)

Remember Our Homebound

Joyce Carr
1066 Washington Circle
Northville, MI 48167

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: 7.5.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 84 + 11:00am – 60 = 144
Communion-131

Received week of 7.5.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$14,223** total includes online giving
School - \$0

12	JUL, SUN	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 3/14)
		● 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
13	JUL, MON	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 4/14)
		● 9am – 3:30pm	Summer Camp - rooms 3 & 5
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
14	JUL, TUE	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 5/14)
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. -Kitchen Rental
		● 9am – 3:30pm	Summer Camp - rooms 3 & 5
15	JUL, WED	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 6/14)
		● All day	Jane Dough Baking Co. -Kitchen Rental
		● 9am – 3:30pm	Summer Camp - rooms 3 & 5
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner Kitchen 2-5pm 7354 Whittaker St
16	JUL, THU	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 7/14)
		● 9am – 3:30pm	Summer Camp - rooms 3 & 5
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
17	JUL, FRI	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 8/14)
		● 9am – 3:30pm	Summer Camp - rooms 3 & 5
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
		● 9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental gym
18	JUL, SAT	● All day	APPALACHIAN SERVANT EVENT (Day 9/14)

familylife
**Bible
Quizzing**

Wild Card Bible Quizzing Tournament

This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted at **St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**. Join us **Saturday, September 12, 2026 @ 12PM-5PM!** The material will be 8 random chapters from the Gospel of John (randomly selected 1 week before the tournament). No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each.

For info or to register, visit biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Tournaments or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com>, (248) 231-9684>.

Ladies, I hope everyone is enjoying summer, LWML convention, 250th Birthday celebration on the 4th of July and now during these "Ordinary Days" of summer, Lynda Watters, from our Wayne Oak Hills LWML Zone shares a Christmas in July opportunity. Lynda has prepared a wonderful mission opportunity for all our churches to consider. Our churches' ladies group, Women in Christ and others from our congregation may be interested in assembling small teams to visit our shut-ins. If you are interested in helping to plan, organize and implement a Christmas in July visit, please let me know (see the flier). "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Sue



Dear Lutheran Women in Mission of Wayne Oak Hills,

Re: MISSION REPORT - JULY 6, 2026

Merry Christmas! Wait, it's only July!! While it may not be time to bake cookies and decorate the Christmas tree, we are pausing to remember that every day is an important day to celebrate the birth and life of our Savior Jesus Christ.

In these "ordinary days" of the church calendar, we learn about Jesus' life and ministry. Here in these ordinary days is when and where we live out the Gospel message amongst our family and neighbors.

In John 20:31, John writes, "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

When the air is crisp and days are shorter, our calendars will fill again with holiday preparations, and we anticipate that season with joy and a hopeful opportunity to share the Gospel in the warm glow of Christmas.

For now, let us savor these ordinary days (that are not 'ordinary' at all) as we live out our vocations of wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend, loved one.



Now's the perfect season to plan a Christmas homebound visit with an LWML sister. Take a gift package (throw blanket, large-print devotion, tissue pack, hand-made card), sing a song and close with prayer. On a bigger scale, coordinate with your pastor to make mini homebound visits during the Christmas season to bring the light of Christ to those who worship from home.

Glad Tidings from...Lynda Watters, Mission Awareness

July 16—Forever Young: Belle Isle Park Picnic



Christ Our Savior
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Join us as we enjoy the Belle Isle Park together from 11am to 3pm. Bring your own Lunch. \$20 Per Person - includes bus transportation, State Park access, and reserved Pavilion with Picnic Tables. Sign-up by contacting organizer Linda Waara (734-245-5733).



Dear Parishioners, Please join us the weekend of July 18, 2026 to hear the Rev. Gerald L. Kovac speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Kovac will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Pastor Kovac was ordained for the SELC District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in 1965. He has served as a Chaplain for the Wisconsin

Department of Correction and as Executive Secretary of the Mission Board of the SELC District. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, he also served as a Pastor in St. Louis for 31 years. Please join me in welcoming Pastor Kovac.

On Sunday, July 26th, AWPC is hosting an exciting event - *The Praise In The Park* Benefit Concert at Shiawassee Park in Farmington, featuring popular national Christian Rock Group **SANCTUS REAL**. We're looking for a couple volunteers to sit behind our SPL Marketing Sponsorship display table, during the event hours of 4:00 - 7:00 pm, to hand out church and school promo materials and answer questions. Anyone interested in helping at this fun event please contact Claudia Williamson at Claudia.Williamson@comcast.net

💰 St. Paul Endowment Fund News 💰 It is amazing to think that the St. Paul Endowment Fund began in 2011 with a single gift of just **\$1,000**. Through God's blessings and the generosity of our congregation, the Fund has continued to grow and support meaningful ministry opportunities. As of **June 19, 2026**, the Endowment Fund balance stands at **\$110,879.42**. Even after making grant distributions this year, the Fund has continued to grow, ensuring that it will continue to provide lasting support for the ministries of St. Paul for generations to come. 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 (\$2450 in remaining grant dollars for 2026, application window opens in October)

- 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. Regards, Vicki Filipiak

At the LWML Convention at the end of June, new Mission Grants in the amount of \$281,250 were approved for the 2026-2028 Biennium. The first grant approved is called "CTSFW Food Co-op Purchase Food for Seminary Students – Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne" in the amount of \$15,000. The CTSFW Food Co-op provides up to 85 percent of student families' monthly grocery needs at no cost to them. This is a tremendous blessing for families operating on a student budget. Operating as an actual cooperative, each family volunteers monthly to receive points used to purchase grocery items. The Co-op spends approximately \$7,000 a month on fresh produce, eggs, milk, cheese, ground beef, and other grocery items to fill the shelves. The Co-op has taken away the concern for the men and women who answered God's call to serve Him and you. The month of July is also one of the four months that MITES are collected. Look for the large MITE box in the narthex this month. Thank you for your generous support of MITES over the years.

The FAMILY OF GOD meal on Wednesday, June 17th, went very well. Chris and Jeff Henning did the shopping for us. Mark Potter prepared his 'famous' pulled pork barbeque for us. Michelle Benson prepared her 'famous' coleslaw dressing. Rachel and Matthew George helped Barbara with all the rest of the ingredients for our menu: Pulled Pork on buns, green beans, coleslaw, potato chips, bananas, brownies, and beverages. Nancy Berg cut up two watermelons for us for a beautiful presentation. Our brownie bakers were: Alison Babic, Anne Burgess, Karen Frusti, Gretchen Hasse, Megan Kutz, and Sue Poole. Curtis Kalina, Doug and Nancy Berg, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier took the meal down and served about 75 people, with 120 meals for the record. It was very much appreciated and they are so grateful to us for coming to their



mission. ***Our designated fund is getting a little low so if you would like to participate in this ministry by paying for our groceries, please write a check to "St Paul's Lutheran Church" and on the MEMO line put "Family of God Meals."*** Thank you all for your support.

Barbara was contacted by the pastors of FOG (Family of God) that they didn't have anyone come to serve a meal on Tuesday, June 30th. She was going down for a Board of Directors meeting anyway that evening, so she offered to help. They wanted to learn how to prepare the chicken pasta salad that Sue Poole coordinates for our summer menus on the first Tuesday of the month. Barbara purchased the groceries out of our FOG designated account, and prepped some things ahead of time, then had the local volunteers in the kitchen prepare the 8 casseroles to serve. Pastor Nick, Pastor Alex, Deacon Paul, Susan Hill (Pastor Jim's wife), and Michelle enjoyed the process and got the meal out in an hour. They ended up getting a notebook with our menus and shopping lists so if they need to do the meal themselves, it's a possibility. The stove at the facility was removed six months ago for safety reasons and it will take thousands of dollars to replace with all the fire regulations so it's 'on hold.' They depend on their Church Partners to provide the meals but need additional support. ***Please keep the mission in your prayers and if you could make a donation, mail a check to: Family of God, Inc. P.O. Box 801 Mount Clemens, MI 48043.***