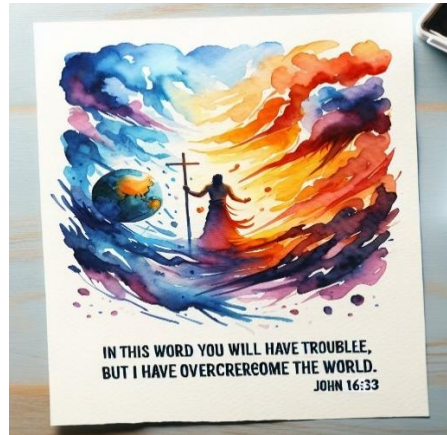


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 am

May 25, 2025



Take heart, and pray!

AS WE GATHER

It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

Jesus does not leave His faithful people comfortless when He departs from them. The promises of Jesus become sources of affirmation and hope for the disciples. Jesus is in charge of all facets of earthly life and has decided how best to continue His mission on earth. His plan is direct and positive, although sometimes our comprehension of what He has in mind is incomplete. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speaking plainly to the disciples and to us.

His exclamation "**I have overcome the world**" is a source of limitless hope for us.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33*

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

People: Amen! And may peace also be with you.

Pastor: Amen.

SUFFRAGES *Psalm 88:13; 51:12; 71:8; 145:2; 65:5; 103:1, 4; 102:1*

Pastor: I cry to You, O Lord;

People: in the morning my prayer comes before You.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

People: and with Your glory all the day.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

People: and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

**People: O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Pastor: He redeems your life from the pit

People: and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

People: let my cry come to You.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. You, O Lord, are present with us always.

**People: Empower us to take heart in Jesus, who has overcome the world, so
that we now experience the peace that Jesus promised;**

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

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 16:9–15 (Paul and Luke stay with Lydia after her Baptism.)*

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.)*

The New Jerusalem

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *John 16:23–33*

(Because of Christ's victory, we can pray directly to our Father in heaven.)

²³ At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴ You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

²⁵ "I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. ²⁶ Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God. ²⁸ Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father."

²⁹ Then his disciples said, "At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. ³⁰ Now we understand that you know everything, and there's no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God."

³¹ Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe? ³² But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. **Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.**"

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

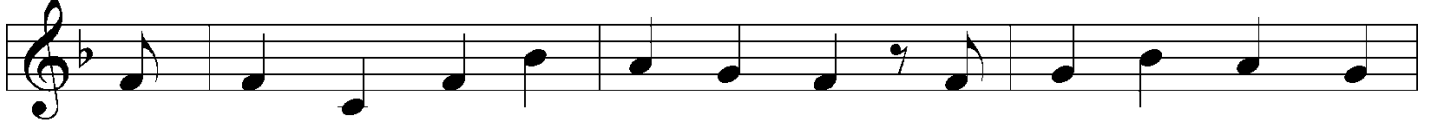
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.



556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun-



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Rejoicing in the resurrection, then, we bring before the Lord the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves.

For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body: That all who are called to ministry tasks—pastors, teachers, and all the people—fulfill their callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ; That missionaries called to various places in the world, [*especially ...*], speak the Gospel boldly and live in ways that draw people to following Christ. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For nations throughout the world: That governments and leaders strive for peace and exercise justice wisely; That those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well; That those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ; That we and our enemies become reconciled. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our local community: That workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God; That those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them. In thanksgiving for those who gave their lives in service to our nation as we remember them on this Memorial Day weekend. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our church community: That those who are sick, *especially...*, experience healing according to God's will; That our Church Council lead us not only to consider our own needs but also the needs of others; That the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love; That we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire us to flourish; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

BENEDICTION *John 16:33*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world."

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.

THE INVITATIONS

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Will Hoffmeier
Reader	Shelly Ernst
Welcome Center	Pat McGuigan
Ushers	John Hasse Charleen Hill Bob McGuigan Pat McGuigan
Greeters	Frusti Family
Tech Team	Steve Martens
Counters	Katie Helmick Carole Crete
Coffee Hour	Board of Elders
Acolyte	Thomas Kutz

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: 5.18.2025– Attendance – 8am –100+ 11am –53 = 153

Received week of 5.18.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$10,857** total includes online giving School - **\$36.27**

25	MAY, SUN	● All day	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY (Day 3/4)
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
26	MAY, MON	● All day	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY (Day 4/4)
		● All day	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
29	MAY, THU	● All day	Field trip K-6 Hands On Museum
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
30	MAY, FRI	● All day	Field Day
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
31	MAY, SAT	● 4 – 8pm	EUCHRE FUNDRAISER

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Joyce Carr
1066 Washington Circle
Northville, MI 48167



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



SAVE THE DATE

DETROIT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE BOOTS ON THE GROUND

5th ANNUAL SPRING SERVICE DAY

WHEN: June 14 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:lpking1252@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”



ST. PAUL IS HOSTING THE 8TH ANNUAL ALLEN TERRACE BBQ JUNE 10 STARTING AT 6 PM IN THE PARISH HALL BINGO WILL FOLLOW AT 7 PM

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 Sue Poole know if you can help. Thank you very much for your help with this ministry.



A BIG THANK YOU to our generous **Diamond** sponsors **Detroit Bible Quizzing** and **Bluestone Children's Center** who supported our wonderful school auction this weekend!



A great big THANK YOU as well to all our "Island Getaway" Auction Sponsors For supporting our school and students!!

Platinum

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Blue Ribbon Contracting
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The evening was a huge success thanks to a great team of volunteers. Here is what one guest/volunteer said "As part of several volunteers I saw the work Debbie Jenter put in to coordinate this years auction. The effort took many weeks in planning to make sure everything would go smoothly. She had it all down to a science. The appearance upon entering the gym, the décor, music, delicious food and cheerful servers made for an exceptional evening. Many, many thanks to this special gal who made this all possible. It sure was a great success!"

The Board of Social of Ministry will be having a **Graduate Recognition** the first part of June. We are making a "Picture Board" to display in church. **If you have a 2025 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 the same to Cheryl Koch: CKoch2rn@gmail.com or drop off at church office. **Before May 31**

For the month of May, Women in Christ is honoring the LWML Mission Grant entitled New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) for \$18,000. The people of South Sudan are in need of the gospel, living in extreme poverty, civil war, famine, and disease, with average life expectancy of only 56 years. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan (ELCSS) has more than 200 congregations, but fewer than 80 pastors to serve them. Need for new pastors is great, as each pastor is responsible for preaching God's word to at least three

congregations, often long distances apart. Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Macomb, MI, has partnered with ELCSS to establish a seminary, the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) to provide theological education for new pastors. These CLIHM seminarians come from extreme poverty and do not have funds to cover educational costs. This grant would support five South Sudan seminarians for one year, providing tuition, supplies, room and board. Please consider this great need when you fill your MITE box this month.

Spring has sprung! We sure could use your assistance in sprucing up the grounds on Saturday, May 31, 9am - 1pm, or any part thereof! Hotdogs for lunch. Bring your rake, trimmer, edger, gloves, and other outdoor tools you would like to use. Just as your home yard needs attention after the winter, so your Church home needs some attention as well. This is rated an "easy, entry level" project for those who would like to serve , but don't know where to begin helping out at your Church home. Rain or shine, indoor or out-of-door, we will be ready with projects! Contact Mark Faerber, Trustee if you have questions. 734 686 2100.

Top 2 winners will receive prizes

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER

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Calling all Euchre fans to join us for
A NIGHT OF FUN

SATURDAY MAY 31
at ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Check-in: 5:30 PM
Game starts 6:00 PM

\$15 PER PERSON
\$25 PER COUPLE
\$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12

Appetizers, Lemonade,
Pop, Beer, & Wine

All proceeds benefits the youth going to
New Orleans

For more information, please call 248-349-3146
<https://forms.gle/YWothQrdDP6xFwsj9>

NEEDED ITEMS for VBS

Toilet Paper rolls



Paper Towel Rolls



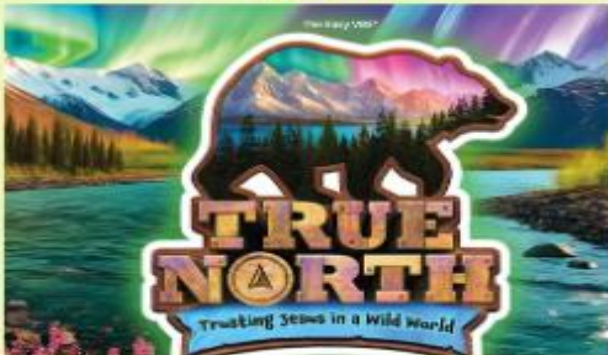
Large boxes

Drop off to school by June 1st

JUNE 15-19
VBS

AGES-3YRS-5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 6TH GRADE AND OLDER



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REGISTRATION LINK:

[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SPLTRUENORTH](https://vbspro.events/p/spltruenorth)

Starts June 15th
@ 5:00pm with
Fried Chicken
dinner

June 16-19
9am-NOON



ACTIVITIES:

- BIBLE STORIES
- GAMES
- MUSIC & FUN
- ARTS & CRAFTS

201 ELM ST
NORTHVILLE, MI

**SUMMER CAMP
2025
REGISTRATION
St. Paul Lutheran School
Time: 8:30- 3:30
Ages: pre-school (4yr. old)- 8th grade

Let the Adventure Begin....



Week1- June 23-27 Outer Space

Dive into the far reaches of the universe this summer. We will go to infinity and beyond.

Registration Due June 16th

Week2- July 14-18 Through the Years....

Our time machine flies this summer. Hop on board and travel through time. Registration Due June 30th

Week3- August 4-8 Movie Week

Let's explore activities that take us beyond the movies. Star Wars, Frozen, and more....

Registration Due July 21st

**Camper #1= \$150/full week
Weeks Interested _____**

**Camper #2= \$125/full week
Weeks Interested _____**

**Camper #3= \$100/full week
Weeks Interested _____**

****** If your child is not attending all 5 full days please note that below******



NORTHVILLE JULY 4TH PARADE

THEME: Hometown USA

We are at the beginning phase of planning and would love to have your help and input. There will be a planning meeting June 1 after late service. The location is to be determined and will be announced. Patrick Baker is taking lead on this project so feel free to contact him if you have any questions. Last year our entry consisted of walkers carrying banners, music and a truck. We would like to enter a float again if we can manage. There will be other ways in which you can help as we get closer so stay tuned for more information.

Thank you all for your prayers for my mission trip to Guatemala May 10th through the 17th. It was a great team to work with from St Peter's Lutheran Church in Big Rapids. There were 4 college students, 1 high school student, and 6 adults, myself being the oldest! *I've been blessed to be a Team Leader with MOST Ministries the past twelve years and this was my seventh trip to Guatemala.* We went to Amatitlan to work with the Pastor/ Doctor for five days of Eyeglass Clinics. We shared the Gospel and served 623 people, distributed 963 eyeglasses, and gave away 733 sunglasses. Our team has returned safely and all is well. Praise the Lord! The Team Blog tells many stories and shows lots of photos: <https://guatemalateam2504missiontrip.blogspot.com/> The MOST website is <http://www.mostministries.org/> You can subscribe to their newsletters and prayer chain. At St Paul we're always looking for used glasses or new readers (+1 to +2, -1 to -2 prescriptions) from the Dollar Stores. There's a donation bin in the church hallway. Thanks for your care and support. Your sister in Christ, Barbara Hoffmeier To God be the glory!



May 21, 2025 we went down to SW Detroit (Family of God) and served another wonderful meal to those who needed a hot meal! Many hands prepared pulled pork, meatball sandwiches, salads, pasta, "cowboy beans" , fresh fruit, vegetables, homemade desserts and brownies! Thank you everyone for supporting this very needed mission. Around 75 people attended and all took home take out boxes of food. One little boy who was there alone and taking food home for his mother said "I feel like I'm being blessed"- brought tears to our eyes. We are all so blessed to be able to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Detroit! Ps. We also took around 100 hygiene kits! One woman who has been living in her car was especially thankful for the kit.

