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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 am

June 1, 2025



Only One Source

AS WE GATHER

How close must we be to achieve unity? For us sinners, separation of even a little bit compromises unity. What we need is a single source to unite us. It is our singular Savior who is the only source of true unity. Our Readings today show us the one church continuing towards that unity. Jesus promises power to His followers and tells them to **stay close and do His will**. And our Lord even prays that they might be one with Him even as He is one with the Father. Today we need to hear the Word of God to find strength for continuing our being the one Body of Christ.

The Gospel is not limited to the present Church, for our Lord prays “also for those who will believe in Me through their word” (John 17:20). So, we pray that many join us as we rejoice with the psalmist: “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

DIVINE SERVICE *Setting One*

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



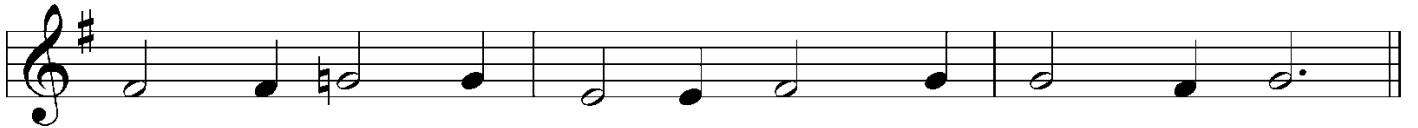
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Invocation

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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!

Opening Sentences *Psalm 133, adapt.*

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is

People: when brothers dwell in unity!

Pastor: It is like precious oil on the head,

People: like the dew on the mountains.

Pastor: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,

People: life forevermore.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us (see lyrics on worship screen)

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as Your Son, our Lord, prayed, grant that the unity You have with Him may be apparent in how we work together and proclaim His name and love to the world until we join Him in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

Epistle *Revelation 21:1–6, 12–20* (The new Jerusalem is perfect in every way.)

The New Heaven and the New Earth

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

The New Jerusalem

¹²It 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— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *John 17:20–26*

(Jesus prays that His followers may be one as He and the Father are one.)

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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.

Sit

HYMN **Christ Is the World's Redeemer** (tune of "The Church's One Foundation")

**Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,
 The font of heavenly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,
 The armor of his soldiers The Lord of earth and sky,
 Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.**

**Down in the realm of darkness He lay, a captive bound,
 But at the hour appointed He rose, a victor crowned.
 And now, to heaven ascended, He sits upon the throne
 Whence he had never departed, His Father's and his own.**

**Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,
 All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son;
 And to the Holy Spirit, The perfect Trinity,
 Let all the worlds give answer, Amen so let it be.**

Sermon – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For our brothers and sisters in the one church here and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, that the Holy Spirit would guide and govern those who call Jesus Lord and that they be led into the way of truth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Grant that they keep the faith in the unity of spirit in the bond of peace.
 Grant that they please You in all they do.**

Pastor: For those who sit in places of authority in this world, that God bless them and protect them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Grant that they respond to His grace by following His will and His commandments.**

Pastor: For those who travel, that they reach their destinations safely, serving Christ wherever they go, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Grant them wisdom and protection wherever they may be.

Pastor: For all who raise crops and tend herds, all who distribute the world's bounty, and all who manage the resources of God's good creation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Open their eyes to see their efforts as serving God by ministering to the needs of people here and around the world.

Pastor: For all who call out to God for healing and comfort, [*especially . . .*], that He visit and relieve them in His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Open doors of opportunity that we may aid their recovery and peace.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, heavenly Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sit

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

Service of the Sacrament

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

Preface

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.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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 Our Lord

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

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**



Agnus Dei (sung)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

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. ++

971 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Refrain
 Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,

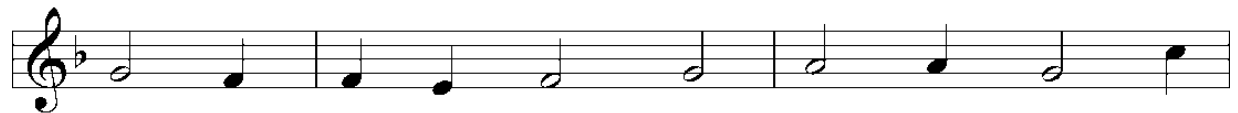


And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

529 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -
 2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,
 3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at
 4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
 tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
 God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
 and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our
 Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our
 His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High
 Might-y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!
 low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.
 Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.
 glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



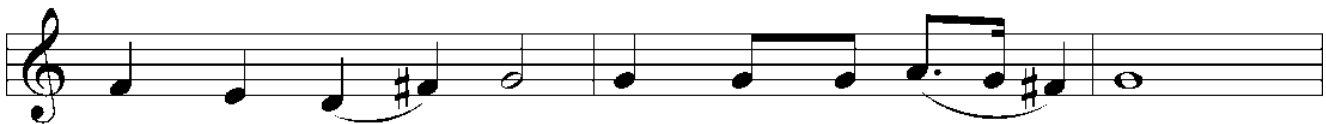
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



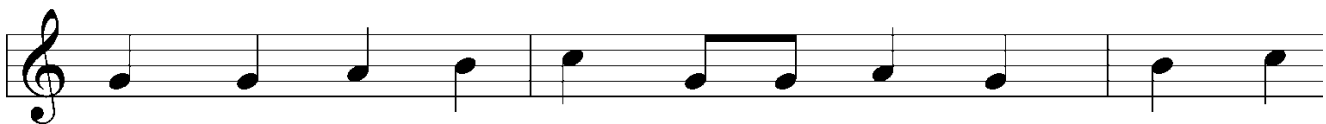
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

*Stand***Shepherd's Song**

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
 He shall gather the lambs in His arms,
 And carry them in His bosom,
 and shall gently lead those that are with young.

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Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

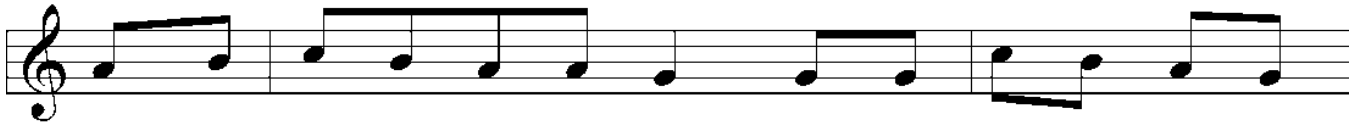
680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.



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	Dave Austin
Welcome Center	Beth Hempel
Ushers	Gary Cash Jeff Henning Neale Hoener Mike Williamson
Greeters	Benson Family
Tech Team	Nancy Berg
Counters	Jan Greulich Frank Newman George Foor
Coffee Hour	Coffee Crew
Acolyte	Joshua Norton
Altar Society	Nancy Berg Kara Patterson Kellen Patterson

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: 5.25.2025– Attendance – 8am –84+ 11am –60 = 144

Received week of 5.25.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$5,460** total includes online giving

School - **\$75.80**

1	JUN, SUN	● All day	Dream Singers Concert Rental-gym/church
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 12 – 1pm	4th of July Planning Meeting- Parish Hall 12noon
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
2	JUN, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
3	JUN, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
4	JUN, WED	● 8 – 9am	Organ Tuning
		● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
5	JUN, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
6	JUN, FRI	● All day	Rehearsal Dinner Fairbairn-6:30pm gym
		● All day	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 1/2 DAY
		● 4 – 5pm	Fairbairn Wedding Rehearsal- Gym
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
7	JUN, SAT	● All day	Bible Quizzing- Campus Wide
		● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall
		● 3 – 4pm	Fairbairn Wedding

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Marlene Shoebridge
 303 Pennell
 Northville, MI 48167
 248-349-5697

Altar Flowers



One vase in memory of my husband Bim (Othal) from Bernice Baggett

*One vase with thanks to God for our 50th wedding anniversary on June 7
from Chris and Anne Burgess*

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”



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.



**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
ELDER S AND EXPEN SES 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

L.E.A.F. Foundation
Herman's Olde Towne Grille
Blue Ribbon Contracting
Integrowth Orthopedics

Gold

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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!"

NEEDED ITEMS for VBS

Toilet Paper rolls



Paper Towel Rolls



Large boxes

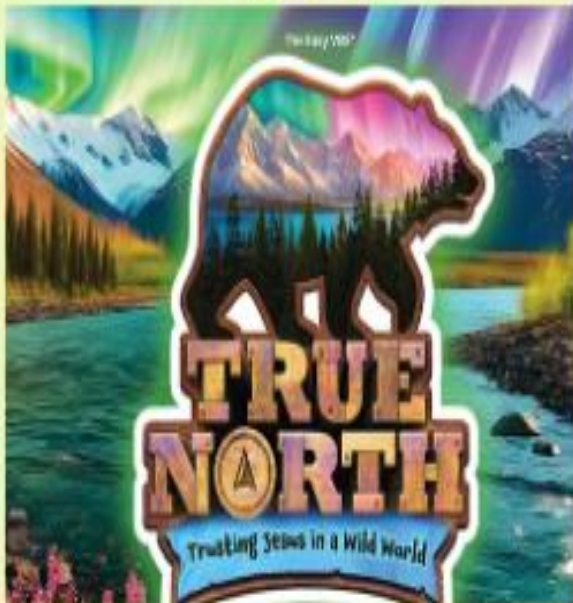


Drop off to school by June 1st

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://vbipro.events/p/spltruenorth)

ACTIVITIES:

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



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

June 16-19
9am-NOON

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.....



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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******

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.



Health care in the United States is easily available, but for those in Haiti this is not the case. For the month of June, Women in Christ will be featuring the mission grant entitled Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti, in the amount of \$25,000. Funds raised will be used to begin furnishing a medical clinic on the island of Ile-a-Vache, Haiti. Once the clinic is established, the Caribbean Children's Foundation will provide to the island's residents basic health care, laboratory and pharmacy services, and opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, health care is a long, often unaffordable, weather-permitting boat trip to the mainland. Please help raise the funds for this badly needed clinic by filling your MITE Box.