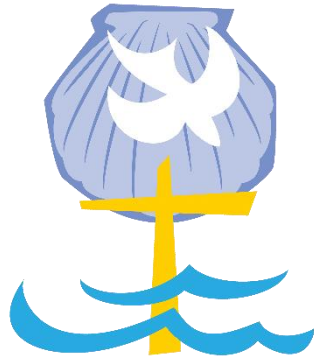


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am

July 6, 2025



And let us not grow weary of doing good,
As for me, may I never boast about anything
except the **cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *Galatians 6:9. 14*

AS WE GATHER

There is at times an almost overwhelming sense that faith is scarce in our cities and repentance is the last thing some would want. Still, God is faithful. He calls us to rejoice, because He comforts us like a mother comforts a child. The Epistle, is full of marching orders for daily living and the warning, “let us not grow weary of doing good” (Galatians 6:9). When the Seventy-Two (not just the Twelve) went out in the Gospel, we do not know how fearful they may have been, but they returned triumphant and were congratulated by our Lord. Because He has won the final battle for us, our worship today may certainly focus on the peace that awaits us. It is an opportunity to “shout for joy to God, all the earth” (Psalm 66:1).

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

When Peace, like a River

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain: It is well (It is well)
 with my soul, (with my soul),
 It is well, it is well with my soul.**

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 66:10; Galatians 6:2; Luke 10:20*

Pastor: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

People: rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her.

Pastor: Bear one another's burdens,

People: and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Pastor: Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you,

People: but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 10:3–5; Psalm 66:8*

Pastor: When our Lord sent out His followers, He said, “Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.”

People: We confess that we fear those wolves, for we lambs are vulnerable. Help us, gracious God.

Pastor: “Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.”

People: We confess that we are doubtful about success without those things that we need each day. Help us, Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’”

People: We confess that we are often silent, lest our friends reject our presence. Help us, O Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Your fears, doubts, and silence have all been forgiven by the death and resurrection of Christ on your behalf. God goes with you now into every circumstance. 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

People: Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your church may be kept free from all harm and danger;

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 Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 (*Bear One Another's Burdens*)

Reader: Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

People: ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Reader: ⁴ Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.

People: ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

⁶ Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.

Reader: ⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

People: ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

¹⁴ As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died.

Reader: ¹⁵ It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. ¹⁶ May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God. ¹⁷ From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus.

¹⁸ Dear brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:1-12, 16-20 (*Jesus sends out the Seventy-Two*)

The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. ² These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. ³ Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.

⁴ Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road.

⁵ "Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, 'May God's peace be on this house.' ⁶ If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. ⁷ Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

⁸ "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.' ¹⁰ But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

¹¹ 'We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!' ¹² I assure you, even wicked Sodom will be better off than such a town on judgment day.

¹⁶ Then he said to the disciples, "Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me."

¹⁷ When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!"

¹⁸ "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! ¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. ²⁰ But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

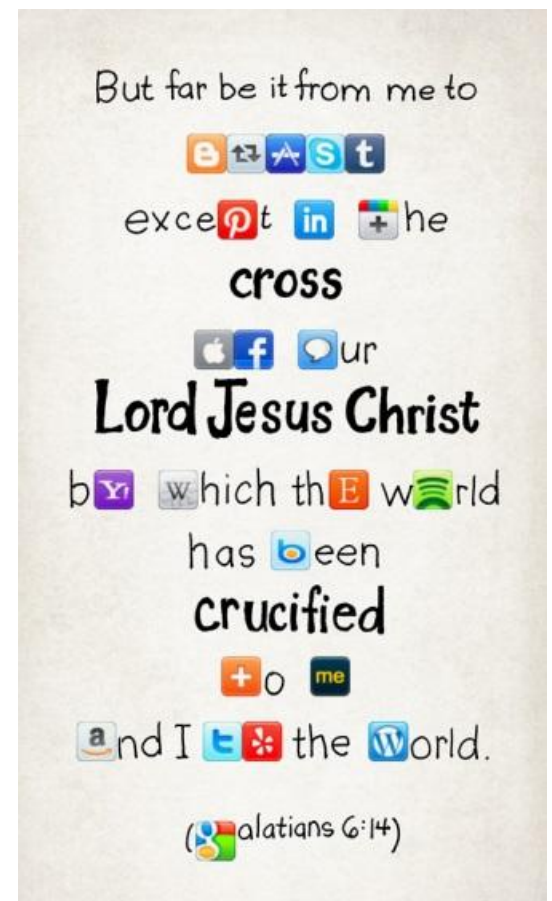
THE APOSTLES CREED

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.



HYMN In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.



MESSAGE - Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
 By the cross are sanctified;
 Peace is there that knows no measure,
 Joys that through all time abide.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Isaiah 66:12–13; Psalm 66:6; Galatians 6:2, 10; Luke 10:9*

Pastor: Let us use today's Scripture passages as the basis for our prayers for ourselves and all people. Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.

People: **Grant hopeful faith, Lord our God, to all who are not at peace this day. Give them strength to endure both national upheaval and internal stress as they await Your promised peace.**

Pastor: As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.

People: **Grant comfort and solace to all who mourn. Strengthen them to rely on our Savior's victory over death and the grave.**

Pastor: He turned the sea into dry land.

People: **Surround with caring individuals and relief agencies people who have lost home and income from flood and fire, storm and tempest. Open doors of opportunity that they may find the food, clothing, and shelter they need each day.**

Pastor: Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

People: **Move people of faith to seek out the lonely and distressed, the poor and disenfranchised, O Holy Spirit. Awaken in Your servants the words they need to share and the action they need to take so that fellowship and joy may replace isolation and sorrow.**

Pastor: Let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

People: Lord Jesus, where Your church is divided, unite it in faith; where it is fearful, strengthen resolve; and where it has forgotten the Gospel, raise up leaders to speak Your word of reconciliation.

Pastor: Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

People: Work through individuals and agencies to bring about the healing You have in mind for all who are sick, gracious God. Use the talents You have given them so that the people under their care may be restored in body, mind, and spirit, to praise Your gracious, holy name.

Pastor: Finally, O Lord, remember those who have requested our prayers this day, [*especially* . . .]. As fits Your plans for them, visit and restore them in Your mercy. Grant these requests, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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.

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.



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

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. ++

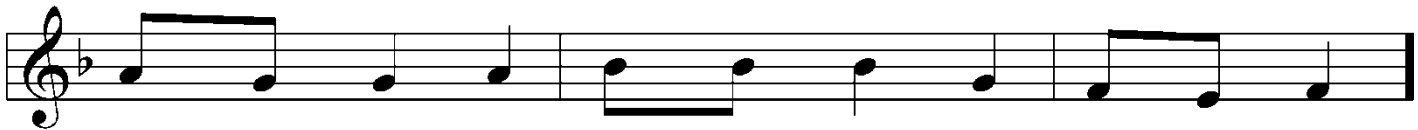
HYMNS My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,

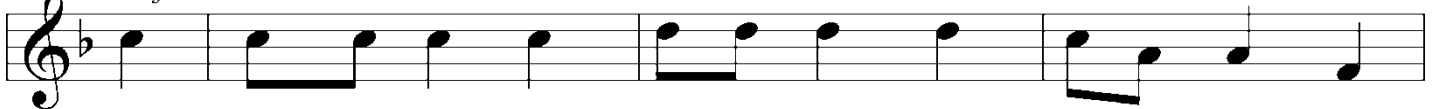


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God Bless America

God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
And guide her,
Thru the night with a light
From above.

From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the oceans,
White with foam-
God bless America!
My home sweet home.

God bless America!
My home sweet home.



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



We Serve

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Welcome Center	Beth Hempel
Ushers	Gary Cash Jeff Henning Neale Hoener Mike Williamson
Counters	Katie Helmick Carole Crete
Coffee Hour	Bible Study Table #1
Tech Team	Nancy Berg
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: 6.29.2025– Attendance – 8am –106+ 11am –49 = 155

Communion - 126

6	JUL, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
7	JUL, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
9	JUL, WED	● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club (NSC) Room #3
10	JUL, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
11	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ruth Natiw
 Story Point of Northville
 44600 Five Mile Road
 Northville Twp., MI 48168



Altar Flowers

One vase in honor of our 59th wedding anniversary from Dennis and Kathy Verseman.

One vase in memory of my son Ron from Bernice Baggett.

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

The national LWML Convention was held in Omaha, Nebraska June 26 - 29, 2025. The theme was "Growing in God's Grace" and focused on 1 Peter 3:18. 3,774 people attended, including St Paul's Barbara Hoffmeier. There are 40 districts in the national organization that vote on officers, bylaws, and mission grants every other year. She was an alternate for our Wayne Oak Hills Zone Delegate, Pat Schultz, from Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church, Farmington. Some of her highlights were seeing her friends from all over the US, including many of the women that have gone on mission trips with her and singing in the choir with almost 300 women. There were many exhibitors and mission speakers that were inspiring, along with Bible Studies and entertainment. *The BIG NEWS is that 33 Mission Grants were selected to total \$2,622,270 for the next biennium.* Six of the recipients have Michigan connections, including grants for MOST Ministries and The Luke Clinic (Family of God.) As you contribute your MITES please remember our national and district grant recipients that are blessed with your contributions. *You can still view the videos on the website: www.lwml.org If you go to the Opening Service, scroll in 33 minutes to see the choir singing!* The next national convention will be July 8-11, 2027 in Oklahoma City. The next Michigan District LWML Convention will be June 24-26, 2026 in Lansing, MI.

We are called to spread the gospel, and one of the ways we can do so is to support LWML grants that enable the gospel to be preached throughout the world. For the month of July, Women in Christ is highlighting the mission grant for the Afghan Refugee Ministry (St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage, MI) for the amount of \$25,000. The funds raised will support ministry to an extended Afghan refugee family in nearby Kalamazoo. With guidance from POBLO, the family patriarch, a Christian missionary, will receive assistance toward ordination as a Lutheran pastor through the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. July is one of four times MITE boxes are collected during the year. Please place you filled MITE box in the large MITE box in the narthex.

MANY THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who helped with the Family of God meal on Wednesday, June 18th. We served about 80 people and most of them had seconds or took a meal home with them. The excellent BBQ pulled pork was prepared by Mark Potter, who received rave reviews! The yummy coleslaw was prepared by Michelle Benson, now we know that 15 pounds of cabbage can make 150 servings! Kristy Howard contributed some rolls which were great. Marilyn Edick and Sue Mai helped Barbara in the kitchen that only took one hour to prepare the other supplies of buns, corn, brownies, bananas, and beverages. Chris Henning did the shopping for us, as usual, and was able to use Thrivent gift cards to pay for our meal this month. Thank you providers who help with our expenses! The brownie bakers were Emily Edick, Jan Faerber, Karen Frusti, Gretchen Hasse, Beth Hempel, Sue Poole (thanks Tom for the special delivery) and Marcy Treder. Marcy also prepares our bag of supplies we take to serve the meal - paper plates, a plastic fork wrapped so nicely in a napkin, paper cups, take out boxes, and a bag of bags for people to take their take out boxes in. Marilyn Bruehan has been contributing neatly folded grocery bags that are always appreciated. The servers were Rich Mai, Kathy and Dennis Verseman, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier. We were able to stay for the worship service after the meal and meet the new Ft Wayne Seminary Graduate, Alex Ogden. He will be Ordained and Installed as the third Pastor at the Family of God soon, joining Pastor Jim Hill and Pastor Nick Gapski. God is working through this mission in southwest Detroit to feed many people their meals and also their spiritual food through His Word. It's a blessing to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Come and see!



We are looking for an additional member for the Tech team, 8:30am service. No need for any technical ability and we'll train you. Primary duties are advancing the PowerPoint slides and at times, changing the camera angle for the on-line service recording. Please contact the church office at 248-349-3140 or stpaulnorthville@ameritech.net if you can volunteer. Thank you so much- Paul Ventimiglia

Praise Rock Band (ALL ages) and Craft Time for Children Kristen Goodman will lead arts, crafts and open gym time for children on alternate Sundays starting June 29, 2025 in Room 5 of the school. If there is an adult male who would like to play basketball, dodge ball or another game with the boys on one of these Sundays, please see Mrs. Goodman. Praise Rock Band will take place on alternate Sundays starting June 22, 2025 in Room 12 in the lower level of the school. This is open to ALL ages. We'll be playing beginner-level songs and will have available positions in piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, cowbell and vocals. Led by Jeni Huggins - please see her or text 248-787-0480 if you have any questions, or just show up. We will work toward offering a few songs to a small audience on Rally Day, September 7, 2025.

Sundays - Approximately 9:35 am - 10:55 am

June 22, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
June 29, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 6, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 13, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 20, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 27, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 3, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 10, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 17, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 24, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 31, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
September 7, 2025	Rally Day - Praise Rock Band concert?

2 vases are needed for each of these Sundays in August - August 10, August 17 and August 24. Contact Anne Burgess if you would like to take a date for flowers – anne.burgess.313@gmail.com

The logo for familylife Bible Quizzing is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. The word "familylife" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a small white triangle pointing to the right above the letter "e". Below "familylife", the words "Bible Quizzing" are written in a larger, white, serif font, with "Bible" on the top line and "Quizzing" on the bottom line.

Wild Card Bible Quizzing Tournament

This FREE and BRAND NEW Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted **at St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**. Join us **Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 12PM-5PM!** The material will be 8 random chapters from 1&2 Corinthians (randomly selected 1 week before the tournament, so study through the whole book!). 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>.