

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

August 31, 2025



Imperative for Christian Living

AS WE GATHER

We like to think of ourselves as worthy of honor and respect. We would like to live as deserving of first-class treatment. But in today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to live humbly among people around us. Not only does He instruct us to humbly find the lowest seat, but when we do the inviting, He also cautions against expecting social payback. By ourselves, we would chafe under such limits, but our faith in the grace of God, coming to us through the sacrifice of Christ's blood on our behalf, moves us to rely on His undeserved favor. That frees us to hear those directives as descriptions of the sort of living by which we may return praise and honor to our Savior—life in first class, indeed!

Today we will be receiving the **Student Aid Offering** to help support students going into full-time church work.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Our God is Greater*Praise Rock Band*

Water You turned into wine
 Opened the eyes of the blind
 There's no one like You
 None like You

Into the darkness You shine
 Out of the ashes we rise
 There's no one like You
 None like You

Our God is greater
 Our God is stronger
 God, You are higher than any other
 Our God is Healer
 Awesome in power
 Our God, our God

And if our God is for us
 Then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us
 Then what could stand against?

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 149:1–4*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant 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.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PSALM 131 A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.

³ Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10

(The way of humility)

² It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lord I Need You*Praise Rock Band*

Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here, I find my rest
 And without You
 I fall apart
 You're the One
 that guides my heart.

Chorus
 Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You.
 Every hour I need You.
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep
 Your grace is more
 Where grace is found
 is where You are.
 And where You are,
 Lord, I am free.
 Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus
 Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You.
 Every hour I need You.
 My one defense,
 my righteousness,
 Oh God, how I need You

So, teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way.
 When I cannot stand
 I'll fall on You.
 Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Chorus
 Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You.
 Every hour I need You.
 My one defense,
 my righteousness;
 Oh God, how I need You.

My one defense,
 my righteousness;
 Oh God, how I need You.

Let brotherly love continue.² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:1–14*

(Jesus teaches about humble living)

Healing of a Man on the Sabbath

14 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son^[a] or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Parable of the Great Banquet

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers^[b] or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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.



As we sing, we will gather the Student Aid Offering to support students going into full-time church work.

Holy Forever

Praise Rock Band

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in
worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest.
Your name is the greatest.
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions.
Your name stands above them all.

Chorus

And the angels cry, Holy!
All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy!
Holy forever!

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've
been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear
His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus

And the angels cry, Holy!

All creation cries, Holy!

You are lifted high, Holy!

Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy!

To the King of Kings, Holy!

You will always be, Holy!

Holy forever!

Your name is the highest.

Your name is the greatest.

Your name stands above them all.

All thrones and dominions,

All powers and positions.

Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, Holy!

All creation cries, Holy!

You are lifted high, Holy!

Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy!

To the King of Kings, Holy!

You will always be, Holy!

Holy forever!

You will always be, Holy!

Holy forever!

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: God, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. Let us pray for ourselves and for the church everywhere, that we may persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ.

For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm them in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, [*especially . . .*], and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name, let us pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:

People: Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

-Praise Rock Band

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let Your kingdom come.
 Father, let Your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us, forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned
 Against us; forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 Let Your kingdom come.

Father, let Your kingdom come.
 Father, let Your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let Your kingdom come.
 Father, let Your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

It's Yours, it's Yours,
 All Yours, all Yours.
 The kingdom, the power,
 The glory are Yours.

It's Yours, it's Yours,
 All Yours, all Yours.
 Forever and ever
 The kingdom is Yours.

Father, let Your kingdom come.
 Father, let Your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.
 Father, let Your kingdom come.

Father, let Your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

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

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

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
 Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
 My God, that is who You are (2x)

Verse

You are here turning lives around
 I worship You, I worship You
 You are here healing ev'ry heart
 I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker,
 Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness
 My God, that is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

Bridge

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

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 are-

10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up,
 it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass,
 and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing
 when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love,,
 and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great
 and Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness
 I will keep on singing
 Ten thousand reasons
 for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Chorus
 Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise
 Keeper, Light in the darkness
 My God, that is who You are (2x)
 That is who You are

O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my
 strength is failing
 The end draws near
 and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing
 Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years
 and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name
 Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Instrumental

I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

Worship Your holy name

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness oh God of
Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise
Oh God.

[Chorus 1]

Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God;

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your
salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

So, remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise
Oh God.

[Chorus 2]

Your grace is enough,
I'm covered in Your love,
Your grace is enough, for me.
For me.



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	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	George Foor
Greeter	Hoffmeier Family
Welcome Center	Marilyn Edick
Ushers	Mark Baumgarten Patrick Baker
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Acolyte	Matthew George
<u>Praise Rock Band</u>	
Guitar	Kristen Goodman, Jeff Henning, Joshua Norton
Bass guitar	Jeni Huggins, Gabriel Martell Robinson
Drums / Percussion	Aaron Martell Robinson, Ellie Norton
Vocals	Caleb Norton

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: 8.24.2025– Attendance – 8am – 114+ 11am –50 = 164

Received week of 8.24.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$ 11,530** total includes online giving School - **\$215** The McGuigan's donated to the music/organ repair fund in memory of Pat's son, Joshua's birthday August 27, 1977.

Altar Flowers

One vase in memory of Kathy Fox's 100th Birthday from Jan Paver.

One vase in appreciation of the Board of Trustees

for all they do to keep the church and school in good repair.

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

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Christina Rohn
Waltonwood #240
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377

The FAMILY OF GOD MEAL on Wednesday, August 20th, was a big hit! We had about 90 people come but we made 120 servings, so many came back for seconds and even thirds. We took eight Chicken Tamale Casseroles with condiments, chips and salsa, brownies, bananas and beverages. Our servers were Mark Potter, Ernie Edick, Will and Barbara Hoffmeier. The David Sonak family from Salem Lutheran - Westland, joined us at the buffet line, which really helped out. Our cooks were Nancy Crenshaw-Berg, Marilyn Edick, Sue Mai and Barbara. Will also helped as we prepared the meat the day before. Sandy Hardies helped Barbara with the shopping and Nancy and Doug Berg made a trip to Randazzo's for our fruit. Our brownie bakers were Jan Faerber, Emily Edick (a 3rd grader), Lisa Fairbairn, Karen Frusti, Gretchen Hasse, Beth Hempel, and Sue Poole. *A special time of the evening was staying for the worship service with a small group and watching their interaction with Pastor Nick and Deacon John on the topic of 'forgiveness.'* *In a world of brokenness, and they all have their personal stories, God's love will sustain us and give us strength to forgive others and even ourselves.* Thank you for supporting this mission outreach, it's so important to our brothers and sisters in Christ you don't even know. You're welcome to join us Wednesday, September 17th. Please contact Barbara #248.756.3035 or Nancy #248.756.4031.

As we all head back from a beautiful summer and think about school and all the activities that start up with fall, let's remember this month's Women in Christ mission grant entitled Gospel Building for a Child's Future (Hands of Mercy) for \$14,500. This grant supports the students of Lutheran congregations which are supported by an expanded Hands of Mercy training center at Yambio, South Sudan. The grant enables the students to gain Bible literacy through using My First Catechism and includes workbooks and children's Bibles. The classrooms will be fitted for children's safety and improved learning environments and will have wooden desks and white boards. The Women in Christ graciously thank you for helping us fulfill our mission grants over the years.

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 11 of the school, which is downstairs. If there is an adult who would like to play basketball, dodge ball or another game with the children on one of these Sundays, please see Mrs. Goodman - (248) 662-7580. Praise Rock Band will take place on alternate Sundays starting June 22, 2025 in Room 11 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 a date in September to be determined. Sundays - Approximately 9:35 am - 10:55 am

August 31, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 11, lower level in school
September 7, 2025	Rally Day will be at Maybury State Park



WELCOME COLIN NASH

If you would like to write to our new adopted seminary student you can send mail and other encouragement to:

6333 North Rosebury, apt 2E
 Clayton, Mo 63105
 Or email him at:
nashcolin549@gmail.com

August 5 FOG



The summertime menu of Cheesy Chicken Pasta salad with was well received again. The salad makers were Beth & Chuck Hempel, Bill & Janet Kovalak, Julia Smith, Pat McGuigan, Gretchen Hasse, Kathleen McGall, Yolanda Martell and Claudia Williamson. The rolls were provided by Karen Frusti and Nancy Berg with butter from Janise Faerber. Kathy Baetz-Matthews supplied the chips and Sue Poole provided and cut the watermelon. Marti Gilchrist and Shelly Walldorff supplied the drinks and a variety of desserts were supplied by Anne Burgess, Rachel Kovocho, Megan Kutz and Janise Faerber. There were about 90 servings including takeouts and seconds. Marci Treder prepared the paper products bag and when we were loading up prior to leaving for Detroit, the comment was made about how nice it is to have that ready to go. We always appreciate Margo being our kitchen organizer

the day the food comes in. Our servers were Julia Smith, Megan and Mya Kutz and Pat McGuigan with Julia driving. We particularly enjoyed serving with Mya as she is leaving soon to return to Michigan State for her senior year. Blessings to her and all our other young people starting or returning to college.

Our young friend was back, and we learned he is 12 and going into 8th grade this year. He likes to visit with us and helped take things back to the car when we were done. I think he likes the extra attention, and he loves chocolate milk. Pastor Nick from FOG was our guest Pastor this past Sunday and led Bible class. He mentioned the cultural diversity in that area of Detroit and at FOG. That was actually one of our memories from Tuesday. Julia mentioned all the languages being spoken (Spanish, Arabic, and a little German courtesy of Pastor Nick). I witnessed several situations where someone was acting as interpreter for another.

Pastor Alexander lead the memory verse and short devotion before seconds were served. The next date for the Tuesday meal is September 2. Watch for the SignUp Genius email and if you don't receive it let Sue Pool know so she can add you to the list.





The handbell choir, also known as The Joyful Ringers is looking to recruit some additional members. We are a fun group that loves our music ministry and are excited to add some new members. It is helpful if you've had some musical experience, played a musical instrument or sang in a choir. However, just a desire to join a musical ministry at St Paul's will be enough. We practice on Thursdays from 5:45 to 7:00 pm during the school year. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this beautiful and uplifting handbell choir,

Please call or text Carol Kandah 248-921-6061.

BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER



You can choose Memorial
or Honorium brick
to support the new church sign.
Cost of each brick will be
\$125.00 (\$6 extra for symbol)
We will be laying the brick garden in
front of the new sign.
More information to follow

Can you HELP a STUDENT looking to Rent a Room for only 2 Weeks

There is a unique opportunity for helping future doctors in our area. Medical students that have completed school need to do an audition for a residency spot at local hospitals and need a place to rent as to have a place to sleep & study. Currently, there is an ENT student that needs a place to stay in the Novi area for 2 weeks (10/11/25-10/25/25). They will be driving to Providence in Novi.

Students are happy to pay with the expectation for a bedroom, bathroom & access to store/prepare food. Call the church office or talk with Pastor Fairbairn if you are interested.

St Paul Lutheran Church Rally Day at Maybury State Park



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Service at 10:00 am

Pot luck lunch to follow

Maybury State Park main entrance is located on 8 mile, west of Beck. There is a \$19 entry fee if you do not have a license plate pass that you purchased along with your license plate renewal.

If you would like a ride to the park, please let Jeanette know and you will be met in the church parking lot about 9:15 am.

Follow signs to Oak Shelter. After parking it is a short walk on pavement to the **Oak Shelter**. There will be signs (and people) to help guide your way. There are restrooms located at the site.

Following the service there will be games for the children (and adults) and a pot luck lunch. Beverages will be provided. There are picnic tables for lunch located in a covered pavilion.

For those that are interested, a short hike will be offered following lunch. You may wish to explore this beautiful state treasure in our own back yard.

Things you may want to bring:

Lawn chair
Walking shoes for a hike

If you are bringing food, please make sure it is covered and in a serving dish. Please bring a utensil for serving. There is electricity. Cold dishes are preferred.

We look forward to worshipping our God in nature's beauty. Come join us for worship, prayer, fellowship, and good food.

Contact Jeanette with questions.



St. Paul Bible Quizzing - Kids & Adult Volunteers Needed!

This year we'll be learning Paul's letters of 1&2 Corinthians. Kids in 2nd-12th grade are welcome to join. Membership at St. Paul is not required. All experience levels welcome (no prior Bible knowledge required!). Practices will be in the church Parish Hall on Tuesdays @ 6:45PM (2nd-6th grade) or @ 7PM (7th-12th grade), starting August 26. Competitions are 2nd Saturdays from October to March.

Adult volunteers are also needed! No knowledge of the material or Bible Quizzing rules is required. We just need lots of helpers who are good with kids to help at 1 practice each week and monthly competitions!

Interested in quizzing or volunteering? Talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684>.

